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BOMBAY.

MARRIAGE.

KEDDIE—HEGGIE—January 16th, at Christ's Church, Byculla, by special license, by the Rev. J. C. Reynell, James Coulter Orchard Keddie, Engineer, to Jessie Love Reid, youngest daughter of George Heggie, Esq., Glasgow.

BIRTH.

MOYLAN—January 19th, the wife of Mr. William Moylan, Commander B. U. and R. S. N. Co.'s S. S. *Lord Clyde*, of a son.

BENGAL.

BIRTH.

McCORKINDALE—January 12th, at Calcutta, the wife of Captain P. McCorkindale, B. I. S. N. Company, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HOUGH—MEIK—January 6th, at St. James' Church, by the Rev. Dr. Jarbo, Albert Hough, Esq., youngest son of the late George Hough, Esq., of London, to Jessie Charlotte, youngest daughter of Captain J. F. Meik, late of H. M.'s 40th Regiment.

DEATH.

PORTUGAL—January 6th, at No. 6, Government Place, Mr. J. Portugal, aged 38 years.

SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, despatch a Steamer from Bombay to the Persian Gulf every month as follows, touching at Muscat, at Bunder Abbas, Bushire, and Bussorah on the following dates:—

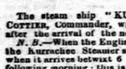
Leave Bombay.....	3rd	Leave Bussorah.....	17th
„ Muscat	7th	„ Bushire	19th
„ Bunder Abbas.....	13th	„ Bunder Abbas	23rd
„ Bushire.....	18th	„ Muscat	29th
Arrive Bussorah	24th	Arrive Bombay	28th

The Steam Ship "EUPHRATES," 720 tons, 140 H. P., J. H ATKINSON, Commander, will be despatched as above on 3rd February.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo at Kurrachee by the first available Steamer to and from Sukkur, Mooltan, Lahore and Umritsur, with the Oriental Inland Steam Company's Steamers.)



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch a Steamer with mails, passengers, and cargo to Kurrachee twelve hours after arrival of the P. and O. Company's Mail steamers from Suez.

Dates of Departure.

From Bombay usually about.....	11th and 25th.
Kurrachee on.....	26th and 28th.

The steam ship "KURRACHEE," 760 tons, 140 H. P., A. COTTER, Commander, will be despatched as above, twelve hours after the arrival of the next Overland Mail.

N. B.—When the English Mail arrives betwixt 6 P. M. and 6 A. M. the Kurrachee Steamer sails punctually twelve hours after, but when it arrives betwixt 6 A. M. and 6 P. M. it is despatched at 7 the following morning; thus is to avoid Passengers embarking at night. When the sailing time falls upon a Sunday, the Steamer is despatched at 7 A. M. on the Monday morning.

W. NICOL & Co., Ag ts.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

(Interchanging by the Steamer of the First, Passengers and Cargo at Galle to and from Singapore, Saigon, Batavia, Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.)

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above twice a month, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, on the following dates:—

Leave Bombay	1 & 15	Leave Calcutta	1 & 15
„ Carwar	2 16	„ Simlipatam	4 18
„ Mangalore	3 17	„ Vizagapatam	4 18
„ Cannanore	4 18	„ Cocanada	5 19
„ Calicut	4 18	„ Masulipatam	6 20
„ Cochin	5 19	„ Madras	16 25
„ Tuticorin	8 22	„ Negapatam	11 25
„ Colombo.....	21	„ Colombo.....	23
„ Negapatam 10	1	„ Tuticorin	29
„ Madras 15	30	„ Colombo.....16	*
„ Masulipatam.....16	1	„ Calicut 16	†
„ Cocanada 17	2	„ Cannanore 17	†
„ Vizagapatam.....18	3	„ Mangalore 18	3
„ Simlipatam 18	3	„ Carwar 19	4
Arrive Calcutta 20	5	Arrive Bombay 20	5

* Morning. † Evening.

The Company cannot guarantee that the Steamers will always leave the intermediate Ports on the above dates, but every effort will be made to ensure their doing so.

The steam ship "GOVERNOR HIGGINSON," 750 tons, 160 H. P., J. SAUNDERS, Commander, will be despatched as above, on 1st February.

The Steamers leaving Calcutta and Bombay on the 15th of the month, call at Tuticorin and Colombo, and the steamers of the 1st at Galle, as above, interchanging Passengers and Cargo with the French Company's Steamers.

This route is the most expeditious and economical for passengers for the Neilgherry district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

Passengers for Rangoon, Akyab, or Moulmein can proceed by the Steamers of the 15th, and tranship to the Rangoon Mail Steamer which leaves Madras on the 3rd.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

BOMBAY, COAST, AND RIVER STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED).

THE Bombay Coast and River Steam Navigation Company (Limited), will, until further notice, despatch Steamers ONCE A WEEK to and from the MALABAR COAST, calling at the intermediate Ports, on the following days:—

Down Steamers.		Up Steamers.	
Bombay ..Dep.	Saturday.	Cochin .. Dep.	Saturday.
Ratnagherry .. „	Sunday.	Beypore .. .. „	Sunday.
Vingorla .. .. „	Sunday.	Calicut .. .. „	Sunday.
Goa ..... „	Monday.	Tellicherry .. „	Monday.
Carwar ..... „	Monday.	Cannanore .. „	Monday.
Cumpta ..... „	Tuesday.	Mangalore .. „	Tuesday.
Mangalore .. „	Tuesday.	Cumpta .. .. „	Wednesday.
Cannanore .. „	Wednesday.	Carwar .. .. „	Wednesday.
Tellicherry .. „	Wednesday.	Goa ..... „	Wednesday.
Calicut .. .. „	Wednesday.	Vingorla .. .. „	Thursday.
Beypore .. .. „	Wednesday.	Ratnagherry .. „	Friday.
Cochin....Arr.	Thursday.	Bombay..Arr.	Friday.

The Steamer "SIR BARTLE FRERE," will be despatched in accordance with the above time table on SATURDAY the 20th January at 2 P. M.

J. A. SHEPHERD, Manager.

Elphinstone Circle, 11th November 1865.

STEAM TO AND FROM MANDAVEE.

THE Bombay Coast and River Steam Navigation Company (Limited) will despatch a Steamer from Bombay to Mandavee on the 1st, 15th and 30th of every month, and from Mandavee to Bombay on the 6th, 16th and 30th of every month:—

Calling at Veraval, Mangarole, Pore Bunder, Dwarka,

each way. For Freight or Passage apply at the Office of the Manager.

J. A. SHEPHERD, Manager.

Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 10th November 1865.

STEAM TO GOA ONCE A WEEK, CALLING AT HURNEE, UNJUNWELL, JYGHUR AND JYTAPORE EACH WAY.

THE Bombay Coast and River Steam Navigation Company (Limited) will despatch their new and fast paddle wheel Steamer "KARANJAH," every WEDNESDAY, calling at the above Ports each way; and leaving Goa every SATURDAY.

For Freight or Passage apply at the Company's Office.

J. A. SHEPHERD, Manager.

Bombay, Elphinstone Circle, 19th January 1866.

STEAM TO ADEN, HODEIDAH, JEDDA, AND SUEZ.

THE Bombay Coast and River Steam Navigation Company (Limited) will despatch the Steam-ship "SIR BARTLE FRERE," as above on the 15th February.

For Freight or Passage, (Natives only), apply at the Office of the Company.

J. A. SHEPHERD, Manager.

Bombay, Elphinstone Circle, 19th January 1866.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

THE IRON SHIP COMPANY (LIMITED).—NOTICE.—The Company's new First Class Ship "OOMRAWUTTEE," R. BAXTER, Commander, under engagement to sail on the 20th February, has very superior accommodation for Passengers.

J. A. SHEPHERD, Manager.

Bombay, Elphinstone Circle, 19th January 1866.

FOR LONDON.

(To sail about the 1st February next.)

THE British Ship "EDWIN FOX," 892 Tons Register, A. J. MOLINOS, Commander, under engagement with H. M.'s Government, to sail on or about the 1st February next, has Cabin accommodation for a limited number of Passengers. For Freight and Passage apply to BLACKWELL & Co.,

Agents for Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 17th January 1866.

FOR LONDON VIA KURRACHEE.

THE SHIP "WINDSOR CASTLE" W. BROUGHTON BRYCE, Commander, under engagement with H. M.'s Government, to sail on the 25th instant, Has still two Poop Cabins disengaged. For particulars apply to RITCHIE, STEUART & Co.,

Agents, Windsor Castle.

15th January 1866.

FOR HAVRE.

To sail about 1st proximo.

THE British Ship "VECTIS," 591 Tons register, Captain EVERITT, has good accommodation for a limited number of Passengers and will be despatched as above. For particulars apply to W. NICOL & Co Agents of ship "Vectis."

Bombay, 8th January 1866.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per *William Ritson*, arrived from London, are requested to send off Boats at once and take delivery of their Goods as they come to hand, otherwise they will be landed by the Captain at the expense and risk of the concerned.

JOHN TANNER & Co.,

Agents of Ship *William Ritson*.

Bombay, 16th January 1866.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

STEAM TO ADEN AND SUEZ.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company (Limited) will despatch steamers to Suez about the 4th and 20th of each month calling at Aden. Returning steamers will leave Suez about the 3rd and 19th of every month. Through Bills of Lading to Liverpool (by steamer from Alexandria) will be granted by the undersigned, and from Liverpool to Bombay by the Company's Agents in England.

The Company is prepared to issue THROUGH TICKETS to Liverpool at the following rates:—

First Class.....	£60 Exclusive of
Second Class.....	„ £5 Wines.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Reymolds, Mann & Co., 19, James Street, Liverpool; or No. 2, East India Avenue, Leadenhall Street, London; Messrs. Tod, Rathbone & Co. Alexandria; or the undersigned at Bombay.

The Steam Ship "KOINA," 1,000 Tons, Captain COBURN, will be despatched on MONDAY, 5th February.

STEARNS, HOBART & Co.,

Treasurers and Managers.

NOTICES.

THE BOMBAY SHIPPING COMPANY (LIMITED).—NOTICE.—Consignees of Goods per *Contessa Johanger*, KNIGHT, Master, from Liverpool, are requested to send off Boats for their Cargo without delay, otherwise the Goods will be landed by the Captain as they come to hand, at the expense and risk of the concerned.

Captain KNIGHT will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the Ship's deck.

RITCHIE, STEUART & Co.,

Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 10th January 1866.

THE SALE of Messrs. LECKIE & Co.'s COFFEE ESTATES in Wynaad is POSTPONED for the present.

LECKIE & Co., in Liquidation.

BOMBAY HOUSE AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY (LIMITED.)

બોમબે હાઉસ એન્ડ લેન્ડ ઇનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ કમ્પની (લીમીટેડ.)

बम्बई हौस अेंड लांड इनवेसमेनट कंपनी (लीमीटिड.)

NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.—The half yearly GENERAL MEETING of the above Company (which was postponed from WEDNESDAY the 10th January 1866,) will be held at the Offices of the Company, 27, Meadow Street, THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 o'clock.

By order of the Board &c.,

ALEX. C. BRICE & Co.,

Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 19th January 1866.

THORNHILL & Co., Opticians, Engravers, &c., Medow Street, Bombay. Established 1850.

MR. WILLIAM BOND is authorized to SIGN our FIRM per procuration from THIS DATE.

PEEL, CASSELS & Co.

Bombay, 17th January 1866.

NOTICE.—The undersigned will be happy to undertake the translation of documents or accounts, from the GOOZRATHEE, MAHRATHEE, HINDUSTANI, and PERSIAN languages into English and *vice versa*.

A. McCOMBIE, Junior.

Meadow Street.

"FERNANDEZ" OF BORDEAUX.—NOTICE is hereby given, that this Ship arrived in the Port of Bombay from Melbourne on the Fourteenth day of January, instant, and that in pursuance of a Bottomry Bond executed in Melbourne, the undersigned will attend at the Office of the French Consul in Bombay on the Fifth day of February next, at 2 P. M., to adjust and settle the amounts respectively payable by all parties concerned under the said Bottomry Bond. All parties concerned are requested to attend at the place on the day and at the hour aforesaid.—Dated this 17th January.

G. CHAIGNEAU,

Captain of the ship *Fernandez*.

THE ELPHINSTONE FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (LIMITED).—NOTICE is hereby given, that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of this Association will be held at its Office, No. 7, Church Lane, on SATURDAY the 3rd February 1866, at 3 P. M., for the transaction of the following business:—

1st. To receive the Report of the Directors and the Balance Sheet up to 31st December 1865.

2nd. To elect new Directors in the room of the present Directors, who retire from Office under Article 90 of the Deed of Association.

When also will be submitted the following Special Resolution:—

"That this Association be voluntarily wound up in pursuance of the provisions of Act. XIX. of 1857."

And in the event of this Resolution being adopted, the Meeting will proceed to the appointment of Liquidators.

B. BALCRISHNA.

7, Church Street, 17th January 1866.

B. H. CAMA'S TRUST.—All Persons having Claims against the Estate of Mr. B. H. CAMA, are hereby requested to send in full statements of the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th February next.

In making up the Statements Creditors are requested not to take credit for the value of Securities they may hold and not to calculate interest since the 17th May last. The undersigned, however, requests that a separate Memo of Securities held may accompany the Statement of Claims. No claims sent in after the 15th February can be entertained.

Debtors to the Estate are hereby also notified that unless payment be made forthwith, legal measures will be taken against them without further notice.

J. L. BRODIE,

Manager to the Trustees of Mr. B. H. Cama's Estate.

Bombay, 16th January 1866.

KHANDEISH FARMING COMPANY (LIMITED).—An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Offices of the Secretaries, No. 2 Dean Lane, Fort, on the 23rd January next, at 3 o'clock, to consider the following special Resolutions:—

1. That No. 18 of the Articles of Association be altered, and that instead of the words, "by the High Court of Judicature," the words "by Liquidators" be inserted.

2. That No. 19 of the Articles of Association be cancelled.

3. That the Company be wound up voluntarily.

By order,

BLACKWELL & Co., Secretaries.

15th January 1866.

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LONDON AND CHINA.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Court of Directors, at a Meeting held in London on the 12th ultimo, have declared a dividend of 5 per cent (free of Income Tax) for the half year ended 31st December last, and the same will be payable to the Shareholders on the Bombay Register on and after the 31st instant. The Transfer Books will be closed from 17th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Bombay, 16th Jan. 1866. ROBT. CAMPBELL, Agent.

R. WHITCHELO, House Painter Decorator, and General Contractor, 13, Mount Road, Byculla. N.B.—Every description of Marbleing and Graining done.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—I have THIS DAY REMOVED my Offices from No. 11, Kalbadevie Road, to Bell Lane, Fort.

H. R. WILCOX, C. E.

15th January 1866.

THE BOMBAY MECHANICS' BUILDING COMPANY (LIMITED).

બોમબ્બે મીકાનીકસ બીલ્ડીંગ કંપની (લીમીટેડ.)

बंबई मेकानीकम बीलडींग कंपनी (लिमिटेड.)

NOTICE.—From and after THIS DATE a DIVIDEND of Rupees THREE per Share, being at the rate of six per cent per annum, on the paid-up Capital of the Company, at 31st July 1865, will be paid to Shareholders on production of the Share Certificates at our Office, where Dividend Warrants can be obtained.

W. NICOL & Co., Treasurers.

Bombay, 11th January 1866.

POONA SEMINARY.—

A sound English Education.
Abstract and applied Sciences.
The Sacred and Classical Languages.
The Vernaculars of the Presidency.
Vocal Music and Drawing.
Mental, Moral, and Physical Training.
Commodious Premises in a healthy and open locality.

For prospectuses apply to

HENRY P. CASSIDY, Poona.

HATS! HATS! HATS!

CUNHA & Co., General Merchants and Musicians, No. 36 Kalbadevie Road, have just unpacked a choice consignment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Beaver Hats of all sorts, made expressly to order, Boots, Shoes, Kid gloves, Merinoes, a small assortment of Jewellery, &c., &c., Guitars and Violins with Music in handsome cases, always on hand. Prices very moderate to ensure a quick sale. Fresh consignments received every Overland Mail.

CUNHA & Co. are prepared to supply brass and string music for Parties, &c.

N. B.—Customers are requested to settle all outstanding bills.

2nd January 1866.

METAL MART, BOREE BUNDER.

JUST ARRIVED per *City of Delhi* from Clyde, Horizontal High Pressure Steam Engines from 8 to 16 horse power, embracing all latest improvements and furnished in the best style, from first class makers.

Plans may be seen and particulars had on application to the undersigned.

NOW LANDING from the above and other ships:—

Portland Cement finest quality.
Galvanised Corrugated Iron and Fittings.
Fire Engines.
Force and Lift Pumps.
Cast Iron, Wrought Iron, and Lead Pipes.
Milner's Fireproof Safes.
Engineers' and Contractors' Tools.
Bar and Plate Iron.

Price Lists now ready and to be had on application,

FLETCHER & MITCHELL.

31st August 1865.

NOTICES.

ELPHINSTONE HOTEL, BOMBAY, entirely under *English Management*, affords superior accommodation, of every description, at moderate charges.

The *Sleeping Apartments* are furnished throughout, in a manner which cannot fail to secure to all Visitors those comforts which it has been the great aim to provide.

The *Dining Hall*, with accommodation for at least eighty persons, is handsomely furnished and well lighted, and the *Table* and its appointments will be found superior to any in Bombay.

The *Drawing Room*, 50 feet by 34 feet, is elegantly furnished and tastefully arranged for the comfort of *Ladies* and their families.

The *Hotel* is delightfully situated on an elevated site in the *Mount Road*, only five minutes' drive from *Byculla Railway Station*, and ten minutes' from *Mazagon Bunder*.

A large *Boat* meets the *Mail Steamers*, and Carriages are provided for the conveyance of *Passengers* to the *Hotel*.

H. T. MARTIN, Manager.

Bombay, 1st November 1866.

MR. LOUIS HENRY BOULT has THIS DAY been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

ROBINSON & Co.

Bombay, 1st January 1866.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of MR. ARTHUR HUSON in our Firm CEASES from THIS DATE.

ROBINSON & Co.

Bombay, 1st January 1866.

ASIATIC BANKING CORPORATION.—NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.—On and after 15th January, Interest at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum will be charged on all outstanding Calls from their respective due dates.

A. MORRISON, Agent.

Bombay, 4th January 1866.

THE ALLIANCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION (LIMITED).—NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND CALL of Rupees Fifty (50) per Share is payable at the Bank of Bombay on or before the 1st February 1866, in accordance with the terms of a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Directors held this day.

By order of the Board,

PHILIP H. CURRAN, Acting Secretary.

Bombay, 20th Dec. 1865.

THORNHILL & Co., JEWELLERS, receive by each Mail Steamer from their London House the most fashionable additions to their Stock of Jewellery. Articles in Indian Gold made to order.

Medow Street, Established 1850.

LIBERAL REWARD of Rs. 2,000.—With reference to the Advertisement about the LOSS of nine pieces of Government CURRENCY NOTES of One Thousand each numbered c 29 —38746, 42312, 47803, 51473, 54383, 58047, 58471, 59086, 59391. Notice is hereby given that whoever finds the said Notes or shall successfully trace them are requested to communicate with Mr. JOHN DWYER, the owner of the Notes, when they will receive the said Reward.

12th December 1865. JOHN DWYER.

NOTICE.—FOR SALE, at the Godown of Messrs. ALCIDE VINAY & Co., 33, Medow Street, best PONDICHERRY CIGARS, at Rs. 20 per thousand, in Boxes of 250 Cigars each.

THORNHILL & Co., WATCHMAKERS, are constantly renewing their Stock of Gold and Silver Watches by McCabe, Thornhill Brothers, John Jones, and other eminent makers. Gold and Silver Genevas, also English and Foreign Clocks, in great variety.

Medow Street, Bombay. Established 1850.

DUNCAN ROAD IRON WORKS.—J. RANKIN & Co., Engineers and Boiler-makers, Engine, Ship and General Smiths, Cast Iron and Brass Founders.

FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA & CHINA (LIMITED).—The rate of Interest allowed on Deposits, from this date until further notice, will be as follows, viz:—

For 3 months' sight.....	7 per cent. premium.
For 6 months' sight.....	9 ditto.
For 12 months' sight	9 ditto.

By order of the Board,

JOHN SMITH, Offg. Manager.

10th October 1865.

THE BOMBAY AND KATTIAWAR FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION (LIMITED).—Notice is hereby given, that the Transfer Books of this Association will be closed from and after the 7th instant. Forms of Transfers, &c., may be had at the offices of the Association on application.

Shareholders are hereby requested to lodge at the office of the Association on and after the above date their original receipts to obtain Share Certificates in lieu thereof.

By order of the Directors,

SAMUEL LAVILLE, Secretary.

Bombay, 2nd August 1865, Apollo Street, and in David Sassoon's New Buildings No. 14.

R. PARTRIDGE, Red Boot Mart, has always in stock a select assortment of Boots and Shoes. All orders executed at shortest possible notice.

No. 2, Hummum Street, Fort.

SECTIONAL PORTABLE WOODEN HOUSES, with heat and fire proof roofing. Plans &c. may be seen at our Office. FARNHAM & Co.

No. 2, Tamarind Lane, Late Royal Hotel Building.

A CARD.

MR. ADOLPH GABRIEL,

DENTIST.

No. 4, Hornby Row, Fort.

At Home daily from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

CONSULTATIONS GRATIS.

THE BOMBAY AND KATTIAWAR FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION (LIMITED).—NOTICE.—The first Ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the above Association will be held at the registered Office in Apollo Street, on the 22nd day of January next, at 1 P. M., for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet made up to the end of December 1865.

2. To elect a Chairman and new Board of Directors or re-elect the present Board.

By order,

SAMUEL SAVILLE,

Bombay, 29th December 1865. Secretary.

KURRACHEE LANDING AND SHIPPING COMPANY (LIMITED).—In accordance with a Resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held this day, NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND of Rs. 12½ per share, or 5 per cent. on the paid-up Capital of the Company, will be paid at the Office of the Secretaries and Treasurers on and after 20th inst., on production of Share Certificates.

Shareholders in Bombay will be paid Dividends due at the Office of Messrs. W. NICOL & Co., Marine Street.

FLEMING & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers.

MacLeod Road, Kurrachee, 11th December 1865.

MERCANTILE CREDIT AND FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION (LIMITED).—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—NOTICE is hereby given, that the affairs of this Company will be wound up voluntarily in GENERAL MEETING, when Resolutions to the following effect will be proposed:—

I. That inasmuch as a very small number of Shareholders only have paid the Second Call made on the 11th April 1865, it is resolved that the same (with Interest at 9 per cent per annum) be restored to them.

II. That a Liquidator be appointed to realize and distribute the Assets amongst those of the Original Shareholders or their representatives, who shall have delivered up to the present Manager their Allotment Letters or Share Certificates, on or before the 25th March 1866.

J. S. WEATHERHEAD, Manager.

11, Meadow Street, Bombay, 10th January 1866.

FRESH SMYRNA FIGS.—Received by the last Overland Steamer a supply of the finest selected FRUIT, in boxes weighing 5½ lbs. at Rs. 3½ each.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

The Fort, Byculla, and Poona.

THE UNITED SERVICE COMPANY (LIMITED),—ARMY AND NAVY AGENTS AND BANKERS.

CAPITAL, ONE MILLION STERLING.

Directors.

MAJOR-GENERAL G. BALFOUR, C. B., R. A.
MAJOR-GENERAL SIR W. M. COGHLAN, K. C. B., R. A.
SIR CLAUDE W. C. DE CRESPIGNY, Bart.
LIEUT-GENERAL RICHARD HALL.
LIEUT-COLONEL T. F. HORDAY.
EDWARD MALTBY, Esq.
W. VAUGHAN MORGAN, Esq.
CHARLES PIFFARD, Esq.

THE UNITED SERVICE COMPANY (LIMITED) is prepared to act as Bankers and Agents, and to furnish every description of Goods and Necessaries to Officers in the Army and Navy, Members of the Civil Service, and to the Public generally in India, China, Australia, and the Colonies.

Military and Naval Messes supplied with Stores, Wines, Beer, &c.

TEN THOUSAND SHARES having been reserved for Allotment in India and the Colonies, Members of the Services, Civil and Military, and the Public generally are requested to make application to any of the following Branches of the Oriental Bank, from whom Prospectuses and Forms of Application may be obtained:—

AT BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONG-KONG, CEYLON, MADRAS, MAURITIUS, MELBOURNE, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE, SYDNEY, JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

GEORGE E. HUDSON, General Manager.

9, Waterloo-place, Pall Mall, London.

CHESSON & WOODHALL'S LIBRARY

24, MEADOW STREET FORT.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.—FINAL NOTICE.—The undersigned being desirous of closing their business as early as possible after December next, hereby give notice that they will not undertake to continue the supply of English and Foreign Newspapers and Periodicals after the expiry of the present year 1865.

This timely intimation is given to enable all parties now receiving Newspapers &c., from our house to make arrangements with some other firm for their supply during the ensuing year.

To those of our constituents who have paid us with regularity, we return our sincere thanks; we break our connection with them with regret, all who have up to this date ignored our claims on them, are again requested to pay up, from these we part without sorrow.

No new Subscribers for Papers &c., for the remainder of the present year will be received after this date.

CHESSON & WOODHALL.

Bombay, 7th Sept. 1865.

NOTICES.

BADHAM'S White Zephyr Shirts, per dozen Rs. 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and 65. Universally worn in India.

BADHAM'S Silk and Wool Shirts, Rs. 9-8 each.
BADHAM'S Pure Wool, Rs. 9-8 each.
BADHAM'S Cashmere, Rs. 10 each.
BADHAM'S Pure Spun Silk, Rs. 12-8 each.
BADHAM'S Zingary and other Printed Cricketting Shirts, Rs. 10 each.
BADHAM'S Regatta Shirts, Rs. 10 each.
BADHAM'S Racket Suits, Rs. 20 each.
BADHAM'S Silk and Wool Sleeping Suits, Rs. 20 each.
BADHAM'S Regent, Dux, Indian and Military Collars, Rupees 7 per dozen.

Systeme Jourvins best French Kid Gloves, Rs. 2-12 per pair.

White Kid Gloves, Rs. 1-12 per pair.
Dog Skin, Rs. 2-12 per pair.
Buck and Doe, Rs. 3-12 per pair.

Overland Trunks, 2 feet 6, 2 feet 9, and 3 feet, Rs. 26, 28, and 30.

Railway Portmanteaus, Courier Bags and Hat Cases.
LINCOLN and BENNET'S Black Silk Hats.
ELLWOOD'S Helmets, Oxford and Shooting Hats.
CHRISTY'S Melton, Oxford, Straw, and Tweed Hats.
BADHAM'S Prize Medal Hosiery.
BADHAM'S Catalogue is ready, and will be forwarded on application.

Badham & Co., Apollo House, Bombay.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS.—Stereoscopic and other Cameras fitted with Portrait and other Lenses; Photographic Chemicals; Cartes de Visite and other Albums; Camera Stands; Baths; Printing Frames; Morocco Cases and other requisites for the practice of the Art, can be had at the Rooms of

McCOMBIE & SONS.

ON the 31st of January 1866 will be sold, at the Office of the French Consular Agent at Galle, on account of whom it may concern, the condemned French Ship *La Ville de Metz*, 720 Tons, from Havre, sheeted with Yellow Metal and Metal Fastenings, with all her Masts, Sails, Yards, Rigging, Boats, Anchors, Chains, &c.

The inventory of the above can be seen at the French Vice Consulate, Bombay, 9, Rampart Row.

TREACHER & Co. (LIMITED).—NOTICE is hereby given, that the 3rd and Final Call of Rs. 125 (one hundred and twenty five) per Share, on the Shares in this Company, is payable at the Bank of India on or before the 15th December 1865.

Interest will be charged on such unpaid Calls on and after the 1st day of January 1866.

By order of the Board,

W. H. SARGENT, Secretary.

Bombay, 10th October 1865.

NOTICE.—TREACHER AND COMPANY (LIMITED) regret to be under the necessity of increasing their prices of Bacon, Ham and Cheese (which is received by each Overland Steamer) owing to the high prices ruling in England in consequence of the epidemic in Cattle. Prices from the present date will be as follows:—

Ham and Bacon	Rs. 1-6 per pound.
Cheese all kinds in cut	Rs. 1-3 ditto.

Bombay, 1st December 1865.

UNITED MERCANTILE COMPANY (LIMITED.)

યુનાઇટેડ મરકેનટાઇલ કંપની લીમીટેડ,

યુનાઇટેડ મરકેનમાઈલ કંપની લીમીટેડ,

UNDER LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a FIRST DISTRIBUTION of the Assets of the above Company, at the rate of Rs. 16 PER SHARE, will be made to the Shareholders who have paid the Call No. 1st and 2ND CALLS, on and after FRIDAY the 15th instant, during business hours, at the Office of the undersigned, No. 1 Bruce Lane.

Shareholders are requested to produce Certificates of Shares standing in their own names; and the unregistered holders of Shares will be required to make a registration of proper Transfers in every case before payment is made.

By order,

EWART, LATHAM & Co.,

Agents for Liquidators.

Bombay, 6th December 1865.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA (LIMITED).—NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Bank's Office, No. 1/1, Mission Row, on the twenty-fifth day of January next, for the following purposes, viz:—

Considering and deciding upon the adoption by the Company of the provisional arrangements entered into by the Directors for taking over the Business and Capital of the Scinde Punjaub and Delhi Bank Corporation, Limited; the establishing the Head Office of the Company in London; the registering the Company under the Companies' Act, 1862; increasing the Capital stock of the Company to Two Millions sterling; and altering, varying, annulling, or revoking the existing Articles of Association, or adding such new clauses thereto as may be deemed necessary.

By Order,

R. O. SAWERS, Manager.

Calcutta, 14th December 1865.

C. STEPHENS AND SONS, Veterinary, Forge, Livery, and Commission Stables, Baboola Tank Road.

Horses purchased and sold, and a Commission of 17 Rupees charged on the purchaser and seller.

Certificates as to soundness or otherwise Rs...	5 0 0
Shoeing, Fitz Wagram's principle ...	2 8 0
Ditto Ordinary ditto ...	2 0 0
Removing Corns ...	1 8 0
Preventing Cutting ...	2 8 0

Up Country Commissions carefully and punctually attended to.

C. STEPHENS & SONS.

Bombay, 3rd November 1865.

TO INVALIDS AND FOR CHILDREN.—TREACHER & Co. (Limited) beg to announce that they receive by each Overland Mail a fresh supply of the following:—

Homœopathic Cocoa.
Headland's do.
Taylor's do.
Dunn's Fresh Cocoa Nibs.
Do. Concentrated Essence of Turkey Coffee.
Schweitzer's Cocoatina or Anti-Dyspeptic Cocoa. (A preparation which has had all the fatty matter removed from the Cocoa Beans, and is consequently most suitable for delicate stomachs, and it has the advantage of being most portable.)

Cocoa and Milk, only requiring boiling water to prepare it for use.

Robb's Nursery Biscuits.
Nursery Gemit Powder and Robb's Rasks.
Kingsford's Oswego and Brown and Polsons's Corn Flour, for making Puddings, &c.
Sweet Milk and Desiccated Milk, for the reproduction of Milk as pure as when taken from the Cow.
Hard's Farinaceous Food and finest Bermuda Arrowroot.
Du Barry's Food.
Calf's Foot Jelly and Isinglass, Quinine Wine, &c. &c.
Speed's Arrowroot.
Pure Essence of Beef.
Do. Do. Mutton.
Do. Do. Meats.

These will be found both excellent and nutritious in cases of great prostration and debility, and will be retained on the stomach when most things else are rejected.

SPONGING AND SITZ BATH, &c.

Traveller's Baths with strap and lock of sizes.
Oxford Hip and Sitz Baths.
Malvern and Taper Baths.
Recumbent Shower and simple Shower Baths with curtains.
Hand Shower Baths.
Child's Foot and Sponge Baths of sizes.
Water Cans of sizes.
Fine Turkish Sponges and Honeycomb ditto.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited.)

BROWN'S SUSPENDORY CHAIRS.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited.)

PHOTOGRAPHY.—The undersigned have just received, and are in constant receipt of, additions and novelties to their extensive and well-selected stock of Photographic Apparatus and Chemicals, and every other requisite for the practice of Photography.

To hand.

Dalmayen's No. 2, C. D. V. Lenses.
The new Universal Camera for Stereoscopic, C. V. or Landscape works.
Kincar's Folding Cameras and Vignette Glasses of all sizes and shapes.
The new Plate Glass shapes for Trimming Photographs of sizes and designs.
Thomas

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE SHARE MARKET.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

A few transactions are reported to have taken place in New Elphinstones at 180 premium. Market flat. Nothing doing.

BOMBAY DAILY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

EXCHANGE.

On what Place.	Terms.	Rates.
London Banks ...	6 months' sight...	2s. 3¼d.
Do. Credits ...	Do. do. ...	2s. 2¾d.
Do. Documents ...	Do. do. ...	2s. 2¾d. to 2s. 3d.
Calcutta ...	At sight	98½
Do. ...	30 days' sight	97½
Do. ...	60 do.	97
Madras ...	Do. do. ...	99
China ...	Do. do. ...	208

BANKS.

Subscribed Capital.	Nominal value of sh.	Paid up	Dividend.	Names	Rates.
	Rs.	Rs.	pr. ct.		
3,000,000	500	250	16	Agra Bank ...	105 p ct premium
500,000	250	125	.....	Alliance Bank ...	43 p ct dis.
300,000	100	50	.....	Asiatic Bank Corpn.	5 p ct dis.
3,150,500	4,000	2,000	20	Bank of Bengal ...	2,000 p sh.
1,250,000	125	125	8	Bank of India ...	45 p ct dis.
10,45,000	1,000	1,000	8	Bombay Bank ...	50 p ct pm.
750,000	250	100	.....	Bombay City Bank	55 p ct dis.
1,000,000	100	100	.....	Bombay Prov. Bank	25 p ct dis.
2,000,000	200	200	8	Bombay Trading & Banking Association	25 p ct dis.
2,000,000	100	100	.....	Broker's Banking Company ...	25 p ct dis.
1,000,000	250	250	6	Central Bank ...	40 p ct dis.
500 000	200	50	15	Chartered Bank of India & E. China	Quarterly 8 p ct and 60 p ct pm
800,000	200	25	.....	China Bank ...	Par.
750,000	250	250	20	Chartered Mercantile Bank of India London & China	95 p ct premium.
1,000,000	1,000	250	18	Commercial Bank ...	15 p ct pm.
1,500,000	.....	.....	.....	Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris ...	50 p ct pm nom
250,000	500	250	9	Delhi Bank Cor ...	50 p ct pm nom
625,000	250	.....	.....	East Indian Bank ...	29 p ct dis.
4,000,000	1,000	250	10	Hindustan, China and Japan Bank ...	5 p ct pm nom
600,000	250	100	.....	Imperial Banking and Trading Co...	35 p ct dis.
800,000	200	200	.....	Indian Peninsular London & China Bk	35 p ct dis.
1,000,000	400	100	.....	Indo-Egypt. & Low. London & Colombo Bk	45 p ct dis.
200,000	100	20	.....	Madras Bank ...	14 p ct dis.
3,750,000	1,000	1,125	.....	Mercantile Bank Corporation ...	70 ex-div.
1,500,000	1,000	250	16	Oriental Bank Corporation ...	110 pctpm nom
800,000	200	200	.....	Agra & Bank of India Scinde, Punjaub and Delhi Bank ...	25 pct pmum
750,000	.....	.....	.....	Oudnut Bank	3 pct premium

FINANCIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

1,000,000	400	100	.....	Alliance Financial	
.....	.....	.....	.....	Bengal Credit Mob	Par.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Bombay Financial ...	No quotations.
750,000	300	100	.....	Bombay General Credit & Finan. Corpn.	
1,000,000	1,000	200	.....	Bombay Joint Stock Corporation	8 p ct dis.
800,000	200	200	.....	Bombay Joint Stock Corporation	50 p ct dis.
.....	.....	50	.....	Central India Finan.	
1,000,000	400	50	.....	Elphinstone Financ.	
.....	.....	.....	.....	Financial Assoc. of Europe & India	No quotations.
1,500,000	400	100	.....	Financial Assoc. of India and China	
1,200,000	400	100	.....	Do. New Capital	21 p ct discount
1,000,000	500	100	.....	Grand Financial ...	
500,000	400	100	.....	National Financial Association	
.....	400	50	.....	Oriental Financial Association	No quotations.
.....	400	50	.....	Royal Financial Corporation	
800,000	400	50	.....	Universal Bank & Finan. Cor.	

LAND COMPANIES.

5,000,000	100	5,000	.....	Back Bay Reclamation Co ...	3,999 pm.
1,080,000	1,000	1,000	.....	Elphinstone Land Co. ...	
1,050,000	1,000	100	.....	New Do	175 pm.
2,000,000	1,000	1,000	.....	Worli Land Co...	189 pm.
1210 000	2,000	907	.....	Bombay and Island Investment Co. ...	200 per share.
1,00,000	5000	5000	.....	Mazagon Land and Reclamation Co...	330 per share.
.....	.....	1,000	.....	Port Canning ...	1,650 per share.
.....	.....	10,000	.....	United Victoria & Colaba Land Co. ...	275 pm. 2,725 per share.

SHIPPING COMPANIES.

400,000	5,000	5,000	.....	Bombay Ship. Co...	
280,000	2,500	2,000	26	Coast and River Steam Nav. Co.	
80,000	1,000	1,000	.....	Bombay Landing & Shipping Co.	No quotations
300,000	5,000	1,500	.....	Bombay and Persian Steam-ship Co ...	
160,000	4,000	2,500	.....	Princess of Wales Co.	
150,000	500	500	.....	Screw Patent Ship & Foundry Co.	300 per share
.....	.....	1,000	.....	Tapa Shipping Co. Limited	No quotations.
.....	.....	1,000	.....	Western India Ship Co. ...	

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

	pr. S.				
125,000	2,500	2,500	15	Alliance Spinning Co. (Limited) ...	
20,000	2,000	.....	.....	Arkwright Cotton Mill Company ...	No quotations
85,000	1,300	5,500	700	Bombay Spinning and Weaving Co.	
150,000	2000	1,750	.....	Great Eastern Spinning & Weaving Co.	
.....	500	500	.....	The Jaffar Alee Spinning and Weaving Co. (Ld.) 1st issue.	Par.
.....	250	2m	.....	Do. do. 2nd issue.	Par.
250,000	1,000	1,000	.....	Manekjee Petit's Spin. & Weav. Co.	
800,000	2,825	2,500	150	Oriental Spinning and Weaving Co.	
150,000	2,500	2,500	.....	Royal Spinning and Weaving Co. ...	No quotations
87,500	5,000	5,000	400 pr. ct	Victoria Spin. Co. ...	
160,000	5,000	5,000	4	Coorla Spinning & Weaving Co.	
100,000	1,000	1,000	12	Bombay United Spin. & Weaving Co...	

PRESS COPANIES.

	pr. S.				
.....	11,000	1,800	1,800	Apollo Press Co ...	
.....	2,700	360	360	Colaba Press Co ...	
287,500	6,350	4,750	890	Fort Press Co ...	
600,000	2,000	1,000	350	Hydernee Press Co.	
30,000	2,000	1,600	.....	Bombay Press Co...	
.....	.....	1,500	.....	Franjee Cowasjee Patent Press Co.	
30,000	2,000	750	.....	Scinde Press Co, Ld.	
75,000	3,000	500	.....	Alexandra Press Co. Limited (Madras).	
70,000	2,000	100	.....	East India Press Co.	
45,000	2,000	500	.....	Victoria Press Co. Address ...	
40,000	3,000	1,000	.....	Albert Press Co. Kurrachee ...	No quotations
.....	.....	650	.....	Oscar Press Co & to is said, Cleaning & Press Co.	
100,000	100	25	.....	Locomotive Cotton Press Co (Limited)	
100,000	4,000	.....	.....	Scott Press Co....	
800,000	1,000	225	.....	Mofussil Press & Ginning Co. ...	
30,000	2,500	1,500	.....	Prince of Wales Press Co. ...	

MISCELLANEOUS.

60,000	500	300	.....	Bombay Contract and Building Co...	
50,000	2,000	200	.....	Bonded Warehouse.	
100,000	500	250	15	Brescher & Co.(Ld.	
35,000	.....	350	.....	Gas Coffee Co....	
150,000	50	50	.....	Bombay Gas Co. ...	
118,870	1,000	50	.....	Bombay & India Cotton Agency	No quotations.
45,000	200	100	.....	Khandeish Farming Co. ...	
250,000	500	100	.....	United Mercantile Trading Co. Ltd.	
3,500	350	200	.....	Bombay Oil Works Co. (Limited.) ...	
30,000	1000	500	.....	Victoria Patent Brick Co. (Ld.)....	

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Four Per cent.	Sicca Rs.	Transfer Loan ...	Rs.	88
,, ,,	Sicca ,,	Loan 1832-33 ...	,,	97
,, ,,	Co.'s ,,	1835-36 ...		
,, ,,	,,	1842-43 ...	,,	86½
,, ,,	Or ,,	1854-55 ...		
Five per cent. Co.'s Rs. Loan ...		1856-57 ...	,,	102½
Five per cent. Public Works Loan		1854-55 ...	,,	Par.
Five and a half per cent. ...		...	,,	106½

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns each ...	...	...	Rs. 10-2-0
Bank of England Notes	...	...	,, 10
Spanish Dollars ...	...	...	,, 325
Gunjas ...	...	...	,, 297
Mexican Dollars ...	...	...	,, 321
German Crowns ...	...	...	,, 219
Five-FrancPieces ...	...	...	,, 1-5
Bar Silver ...	...	...	,, 1-64
Gold Leaf ...	...	...	,, 15-1-1

PRICE CURRENT, 17th January 1866

COTTON at Colaba			Per candy.
Dhollera (New Crop)	...	...	Rs. 425 to 440
Bhownagar and Mowa ...	...	...	,, 430 to 435
Surat and Broach ...	...	...	,, 410 to 415
Pershaunder...	...	...	,, 300 to 310
Veraval ...	...	...	,, 300 to 340
Khandeish ...	...	...	,, 320 to 330
Dharwar (Sawginaad)	...	...	,, 465 to 470
Dhollera (April and May) ...	...	...	,, 430 to 435
Comparatives (April and May) ...	...	...	,, 415 to 420
Ditto (now ready) ...	...	...	,, 440 to 445
Hinghunghaat (New ...	...	...	,, 490 to 495

MILITARY.

ARRIVAL.—JANUARY 19.

Collins, Principal Veterinary Surgeon, Staff, on duty, from Poona.

DEPARTURES.—JANUARY 19.

Morgan, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on sick leave, to England.

Spiller, Paymaster A. D., 56th Foot, to rejoin, to England.

Richards, Lieutenant Colonel, 6th Regiment N. I., to rejoin, to Mhow.

Kemp, Assistant Surgeon R. D., Staff, attached to 33rd Foot, to Poona.

Wakefield, Staff Assistant Surgeon W., Staff, attached to R. A., to Kirkee.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

JAN.
19 Ellen Bates ..... Logan ... Liverpool, Oct. 20.
Lord Clyde (s) ..... Moylan ... Cochin, Jan. 13.
Futtay Moombarack ..... Nacoda ... Rangoon, Dec. 20.

DEPARTURES.

JAN.
19 Rowantree ..... Lewis ... Liverpool.
Caderbost ..... Nacoda ... Mangalore.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Lord Clyde*.—Captain and Mrs. Underwood, and Mr. Robins.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—
S. S. *Ganges*, Hanscom, bound to Aden and Suez.
Ship *Benin Harmony*, J. W. McMullen, bound to Liverpool.
Ship *Castle Aeon*, J. Spence, bound to Liverpool.
Ship *Belgravia*, Price, bound to Liverpool.
Ship *Indian Chief*, Smith, bound to Liverpool.

The ship *Edeira Fox*, for London, began to load yesterday.

BENGAL.

ARRIVALS.—January 13th, ships *Lady Canning*, and *Star of Albion*.
DEPARTURES.—January 12th, ships *Staffordshire*, *Lady Clarendon*, *Periyan*, *Seaford*, and barque *St. Joseph*.

MADRAS.

DEPARTURE.—January 13th, Screw steamer *Orient*, for Bombay.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE, by order of the Liquidators of the Oriental Ship Owning Association (Limited), the British iron-built ship "DOLBADERN CASTLE," 959.26 tons Register, built in 1853 at Sunderland, England classed 12 years A 1 at Lloyds, belonging to the said Association, under charter from Bombay to Rice Port in Burmah in ballast, and from thence to England or the Continent with a Cargo of Rice or other lawful merchandize. For further particulars apply to the Liquidators, at the Company's Office, No. 31, Meadow Street, Fort.
Bombay 19th January 1866.

CHUBB'S DESPATCH BOXES, furnished, No. 2 Rs. 50, No. 3 Rs. 60.
Rampart Row. THACKER, VINING & Co.

LUNCHEON BASKETS, by MAPPIN, furnished for 1 and 2 persons. Rs. 18 and Rs. 35.
Rampart Row. THACKER, VINING & Co.

AIR CONES, by REILLY, Muzzle and Breech-loading, with apparatus complete, in case. Rs. 100.
Rampart Row. THACKER, VINING & Co.

CARTE DE VISITE ALBUMS FOR 4 PORTRAITS on a Page. A large and handsome assortment of the above lately received, at moderate prices.
Rampart Row. THACKER, VINING & Co.

TO ARTISTS.—Just received a few EXTRA SIZE SKETCH BLOCKS, 2 feet 6 inches by 2 feet each, Rs. 27 ;Also Oil and Water Colours, Brushes, &c. &c.
Rampart Row. THACKER, VINING & Co.

STUDIES FOR WATER COLOUR PAINTING.—A fresh supply of small Chromolithographs. Re. 1 or Rs. 10 per dozen.
Rampart Row. THACKER, VINING & Co.

OUT-DOOR GAMES FOR THE COLD SEASON.—Just received, CROQUET, full size, and best quality, complete in case. Rs. 25.
LACON CUPOLETTE, a capital new game for any number of players, in case. Rs. 25.
DANISH LACON BOWLS, a newly registered game for any number of players, in case.• Rs. 38.
Rampart Row. THACKER, VINING & Co.

WANTED, a COPYING CLERK, who should have a knowledge of Accounts. Apply to the Secretary of the Medical Retiring Fund, Town Hall.

TO LET, from 1st March, a very cool BUNGALOW in Middle Colaba, facing Back Bay. Apply to MACINDOE, ROGERS & Co.

THOMAS FREDERICK SPENCE is entreated to communicate with his mother. Care of SMITH, BARRY & Co., Lyon's Range, Calcutta.

NOTICE.—We have this day admitted MR. LAWRENCE ROBERTSON a PARTNER in our FIRM. STENHOUSE & Co.
Bombay, 1st Jan. 1866.

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY.—AGENTS in Bombay for the FIRE BRANCH, FINLAY, CLARK & Co.
Church Gate Street.

THE MARITIME INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).—*Capital—One Million Pounds Sterling.* HEAD OFFICE IN LIVERPOOL. AGENTS in Bombay, Church Gate Street. FINLAY, CLARK & Co.

TO LET, (with immediate possession,) two cool and commodious BUNGALOWS in Mazagon. Rent Rs. 250 and 200 per mensem. Apply to N. SORABJEE & Co.,
11, Forbes Street. House and Commission Agents.

TO BANKERS, MERCHANTS, & OTHERS. —A GENTLEMAN of extensive business experience in Bombay, Calcutta, Manchester, and Liverpool, is open to treat for a first class BANK or MERCANTILE APPOINTMENT. Address "C. C.," *Bombay Gazette* Office.

GRAM.—The undersigned—having on hand a large stock of superior qualities of GRAM—is now in a position to supply any quantity at the most reasonable rates. Contracts for 5 or 12 months' samples and prices may be obtained on application to
AUBREY PARTRIDGE,
22, Rampart Row.

GUNS AND RIFLES FOR SALE.—Just landed, a consignment of Guns and Rifles, by Messrs. E. M. Reilly and Co., 12, 14, 15, 16, and 24 bore, at prices ranging from Rs. 130 to Rs. 400.
Cartridge Cases and Wads.
Air-butt Guns, with Rifle and Shot Barrels.
Army Regulation Swords.
AUBREY PARTRIDGE,
22, Rampart Row.

THE BOMBAY AND KATTIAWAR FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION (LIMITED).—NOTICE.—The ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association, advertised to take place on the 22nd instant, is POSTPONED to the 30th instant, at 1 P.M.
By order of the Directors,
SAMUEL LAVILLE, Secretary.
Bombay, 19th January 1866.

WE have THIS DAY established ourselves as COMMISSION MERCHANTS, under the style of HUTCHINSON, DODDS & Co., in connection with Messrs. KER, DODS & Co., Calcutta, and Messrs. DODS, KER & Co., Manchester.
JOHN S. DODS,
THOMAS HUTCHINSON,
HENRY D. DODDS.
Victoria Buildings, Elphinstone Circle, 18th Jan. 1866.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo, per *Ellen Bates*, LOGAN, Master, from Liverpool, are requested to send orders for delivery accompanied by Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature ; as also to send off Boats for their Goods as they come to hand. In cases where Boats are not sent the Goods will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.
EDWARD BATES & Co.,
Agents for Captain and Owners.
Bombay, 19th January 1866.

BOMBAY JOINT STOCK CORPORATION (LIMITED).—NOTICE.—The Meeting fixed for MONDAY, the 29th instant is POSTPONED in consequence of the audit of the accounts not being complete.
A Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Rampart Row, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of February next, at 3 o'clock, to consider the following business :—
1. To receive the Report of Directors.
2. To consider a proposition that the Company be wound up voluntarily. (If this Resolution be passed)
3. To appoint Liquidators and to fix their remuneration. (If the Resolution be rejected)
4. To appoint two Directors in place of those who have retired.
JOHN C. TEASDALE, Offg. Manager.
Bombay, 19th January 1866.

NOTICE is hereby given, that GUNGATHUR BHEWJEE, of Bombay, Hindoo, has contracted to purchase from PAULINA RAQUEL FERNANDES, widow of the late Antonio Francisco Fernandes, a piece or parcel of land or pension tax ground, with messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, erected and built thereon, situate, lying and being without the Fort walls of Bombay, at Candawady Lane, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue, under Pension and Tax No. 20, and by the Collector of Assessment under No. 7 ; and bounded as follows :—On the east by the house of Ladum Bhoo Rampatuck, on the west by the house of A. F. Fonseca, Bailiff, on the north by the house of Eugepio Dias, and on the south by the public road ; which piece of ground contains by admeasurement (1125) square yards.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1866.

It will take many generations, if indeed the time will ever come, until the spirit which gave birth to the institution of slavery in America is thoroughly quenched. Outwardly and in form it is abolished, and whatever difficulties may have to be surmounted by the American people and Government in reconstructing the social edifice on its new basis, that form against which the intelligence of the nation has protested, can never again be revived. But the abolition of the institution is not the abolition of the caste-feeling which is the presence of a negro element among a population of whites naturally engenders and sustains ; and now that the American Bastille of slavery has fallen, we wait to see whether the ownership of individuals in individuals shall dissolve into some new form of the master-ship of race over race. Given an ignorant negro population, oppressed by centuries of toil, cramped by centuries of educational neglect, stunted by a faith also of centuries on the part of their owners that their function in the world is that of a more highly organised form of cattle, and they as naturally subordinate themselves to the dominant people as a smaller planetary body gravitates round a greater. Emerson sees in the restricted forehead of the free Anglo-Saxon labourer, the proof of the narrowing influence of long generations of dull, plodding, and unthinking toil upon the human faculties, and the stamp even of *his* depression and subordination. But that Anglo-Saxon brain is of the brotherhood of the race which yielded Shakspeare and Scott, Byron and Burns. If stuntedness of faculty is thus the heritage of the humblest of the free labourers of Britain as the necessary result of deadening and leaden toil, much more is it that of an enslaved race, a race born in servitude, and crushed beneath the rod of ruthless taskmasters, with no past but slavery, and no future but implicit obedience to another's will. The edifice of slavery has crumbled away, but what of that broad foundation on which it stood,—the high consciousness of superiority, and that natural instinct which makes one race of greater skill and faculty, by the sheer force of destiny, the born directors of inferior races with whom they are brought into relation ? In the South had been reared a great white aristocracy who had been taught to look upon work as something ineffably beneath them ; and the traditions and feelings of this aristocracy, will not readily accommodate themselves to the new social organisation which the war has produced. When will it cease to look down upon the negro from its proud altitude with feelings akin to contempt, or learn to look with toleration upon him as an equal in the eye of law ? Will it reconcile itself to haggle with him about wages, and brook the idea of being brought before a court of law on a charge of assault ? Whatever the New England advocates of the emancipation theory may say, and although Congress were to admit the negro population at once to all the rights of citizenship within the States, it must be owned that for a time at least it is only the most repellent features of slavery that are at an end. There may be and ought to be legal equality, there may even be political equality, but natural there is none ; and the negro race has yet to win its title ; to equality with that people which has held it in bondage, and which has now set it free. The late President Lincoln put the point very forcibly in a speech at Illinois ten years ago. "I protest," he said, "against the counterfeit logic which concludes that because I do not want a black woman for a slave, I must necessarily want her for a wife ; I need not have her for either. In some respects she certainly is not my equal, but in the right to eat the bread she earns with her own hands without asking leave of any one else, she is my equal and the equal of all others." It will be a work of slow accomplishment to indoctrinate the old slaveholders of the South with such a belief. Emancipation does not solve the relation of the two races ; but it does this with the negroes, it enables them to say that their own future lies with themselves. Shall that future be one of industry ? Shall it be one of indolence according to the example of the Jamaica negroes, or the establishment of another relation in which the white race through its legislature shall become the guides and directors of the black ?

Around this question centre all the difficulties of the reconstruction policy of President Johnson. Striving to steer a middle and rational course, he has on the one hand a party clamouring for a full negro suffrage, and on the other, the South scarcely showing any signs of accommodating itself to its new position. He is moderate, and his intentions are honest ; but his difficulties are great, and not only is the South not reciprocative, but it is unjustly suspicious, lest the North is desirous of still further crushing and humiliating it. It labours under some grievances ; but it is also unreasonably obstinate in accepting the necessary results of the war. It cannot complain because the Federal Government retains its Provisional Governors in the various States, even though the States have repealed the ordnance of secession and brought themselves back to the bosom of the Union from which President Johnson will not admit they had ever departed. Nor can it complain that military law is still in force, notwithstanding that the people have elected the ordinary local governing machinery of the States. In fact the military domination of the North over the South must continue, as a simple matter of course, until the principles sought to be established by the war are legislatively enacted by the seceding States themselves in their respective Governments. The two main conditions on which State Rights are restored to the seceding States are the passing of a law abolishing slavery, and of another repudiating the debts contracted during the war. While the Southern States refuse to comply, the two parties to all intents remain in a state of war, with this peculiarity that the crippled and conquered South has no weapon with which to fight the North save its obstinacy. It is no argument against the demand of the President to urge that slavery is dead already, for, if so, there can be the less objection to abolish it by a formal resolution on the Statute book of the slave States. Repudiation of the debt must come into collision with a high sense of honour, and it is intelligible, that men of spirit should shrink from a proposal which must humiliate them. The presence of Federal soldiers, especially of negro soldiers, is only calculated to embitter the South, and the various operations of military law are only calculated to remind them that they are a subjugated people. The President may have erred in allowing military interference in the elections, and in rejecting the Governors chosen under his own programme of reconstruction, in the States of Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina, merely on the ground that the parties chosen were not Governors in whom he had confidence. Viewed from a Southern stand-point, this is very irritating ; but the simple Northern argument is, that the North cannot leave its work undone. The whole scope and drift of the President's policy is that which forms so frequently the burden of his message, to restore the harmony of the component States of the Union and to heal up the mutual wounds of the North and South.

That message which is one of the ablest State documents of modern times, ought to go far to restore the relations of the still dissevered peoples. If any one thing is more marked than another, it is the haste with which the President has striven to resign his vast military control over the conquered States. Military domination by one section of a republican people over another is inconsistent with republican principle. He saw that while military domination lasted, Northern capital and enterprise would not find its way into the South. The citizens of the free, legitimate, and well understood governments of the North would not exchange their privileges for the arbitrary and fitful operations of military law, that perpetuated the evil which it is the interest of all parties rapidly to heal. But he sees equally the necessity of maintaining his authority over the South until its intentions shall have set steadily in the direction of loyalty and peace.

Whatever may be the future policy of the various States in reference to the President's demand, that the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery be ratified, the object is about to be secured in an indirect way by a Bill which has been introduced into the Senate by Mr. Sumner to enforce it by punishing attempts to control the services of any person contrary to the amendment. The matter is now in the hands of Congress, and already there are symptoms of the stormy session which lies before it.

MR. TEMPLE left Nagpore on Friday, the 19th instant, on a lengthened tour in the Jabbulpore Division, visiting the newly ceded tract of Byragogurh, and the Mundlah district. He is not expected to return to Nagpore until April.

THE *Courier de Marseille* of 1st December says :—" That an ingenious mechanician of Brussels is about to patent a curious invention to announce the departures and arrivals of railway trains. It is of the dimensions of a common clerk, and will be placed at the public monuments and at the railway stations. Three minutes before the departure it will play an air in the time of the ordinary quick step ; and one minute before the departure a rapid tinkling, or an air in four measures, will announce the time fixed ; at the same time, a transparent frame will indicate time of departure, the destination, and the time of arrival. The inventor asserts that his machine will indicate as many as twenty departures per hour, either by day or night."

WE learn from Bombay (says the *Indian Daily News*) that by the return of Sir Joseph Arnould, the appointment of Mr. T. Chisholm Anstey as Acting Chief Justice expired on the 29th of last month. The petition got up by a clique of natives to have him removed with disgrace from his office has therefore entirely failed. At the same time we cannot but remark on the cunning manner in which this petition against Mr. Anstey was forwarded to Government only three days before his known time of retirement ; and this was doubtless thus arranged with the intention of creating an impression among the ignorant or ill-informed of the native community that the one was the effect of the other. We do not see how Government can avoid taking up the matter ; and if the independence of the judicial office is to be vindicated, and justice to be duly administered according to European, and not according to native ideas, we think that such conspiracies as that against Mr. Anstey should be put down at once with a high hand. There can be no middle course in the action to be taken in this affair, and it will be necessary for the Government either to express its censure of Mr. Anstey's proceedings, or by appointing him to an Acting Judgeship to mark its approbation of the firm and independent manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

THE *Hurkaru* :—Of course our readers know that there has been in Nepaul, since the year 1857, an ex-king of Oudh, rebel and a governor, would like to " bag." We now hear that the numbers have been considerably thinned by a variety of influences, and that the leaders are " biting the finger of despair with the teeth of hope deferred." Brijis Kadir, the Begum Huzrut-Mahal, and Krista Bahee the widow (?) of the Cawnpore fiend, Nana Sahib, are represented as coming together a Hindoostanee versions of "Is there a man with soul so dead," and expressing a melancholy desire to visit once more the " home of their youth" and lay their bones by " fair Goomtee's waters." They have accordingly attacked Sir Jung Bahadoor, imploring him to use his influence with the terrible Governor General of India, and obtain permission for them to return to their native country, and reside peaceably in it—with surveillance. It requires no prophet to foretell the issue of such an application should it be made.

THE *Englishman* :—We are informed that an extensive malpractice has been discovered in the record room of the Jessore Collectorate. The discovery was made almost by accident. The head clerk of the magisterial department intimated to the Magistrate and Collector, that a party who had a suit in the Additional Judge's Court had applied for a copy of a suspicious document. This led Mr. Monro to make a summary investigation, the result of which showed that one Goorsochurn had, in collusion with a duffry of the Magistrate's office, substituted a forged petition for a genuine one in the case one Gredhur Mitter, and this forged petition was expected to be of service in the pending suit. It came out further that this Goorsochurn was the cousin of the Collectorate Record-keeper, and that it was the latter who was specially interested in the suit. Mr. Monro's suspicion being aroused, he examined the almirah of *takhirat taidads* of which the Record-keeper kept the key. Of 34,000 of these documents, 30,000 were entered in a register, and it occurred to Mr. Monro that if any malpractices had been committed, the unregistered *taidads* would probably have been selected for the purpose. O more than 2,000 of these examined by Mr. Monro and his Assistant, it was found that about one half were forgeries,

no Port-due shall be levied at any of the said port except under the authority of the said Act XXII. of 1855 and of this Act.

XI. This Act shall be read with and taken as a part of Act XXII. of 1855.

The ports named in Schedule A. are:—Surat, Bulsar, Gogo, Bowlearee, Khoon, Koluk, Oomersaree, Bhugwa, Dehej, Dehgaum, Tankaria, Broach, Calai, Murroles, Oomergaum, Dhanoo River, Tarapoor, Satpetes, Mahim, Kelveg, Dantewra River, Bassein River, Ootan, Munnoree, Versoah, Bandora, Tanna River, Carinja River, Panwell River, and Thull. Those in Schedule B. are—Alibaugh, Mandway, Rewdunda, Thull Kotee, Bankote River, Kelsee, Harnee, Unjunwell River, Boria, Jyghur River, Ratnagherry, Poorunghur, Eshwuntghur River, Viziadroog River, Dwughur, Achray, Malwan, Newtee, Vingorla, Rairee, Karwar including Beitkul, Chendia, Ankola, Gangawally, Gaddry, Coompta, Honore, Shiraiee, Bhatkal, and Murdeshwur.

Mr. Foggo, in moving the first reading of this bill, said—This bill is introduced to give effect to some suggestions of Mr. George Inverarity, late Commissioner of Customs, and its object is to place all the ports of the Presidency, except Bombay, on the same footing as regards port dues; and in particular to exempt coasting steamers from payment of port dues more than once a month, and at more ports than one in the same group during that period, instead of being as at present required to pay at all ports they may touch at during the same month. That requirement prevents these steamers calling at minor ports on the coast, as the port dues, when they do so, frequently exceed the amount of freight and passage money realized. To effect this object the bill proposes:—1. To repeal the three Acts under which port dues of the Presidency are at present levied, viz., Act 9 of 1838 for levy of port dues in certain ports within the limits of the Gulf of Cambay; Act 15 of 1861, for the levy of port dues in the ports of the Concan; Act 7 of 1862 for the levy of port dues in the ports of the North Canara districts. 2. To divide the ports into two groups, viz., the northern group to comprise the ports enumerated in Schedule A, and the southern group comprising the ports in Schedule B, and to levy port dues at an uniform rate, subject to certain exceptions named in the bill. It is proposed also to add another clause in committee, providing for the investment in Government paper of the accumulated port funds which amount now, I understand, to some two lacs of rupees. I now move the first reading of this bill.

The bill was then read a first time, and referred to a committee consisting of the Advocate General, Mr. Rustomjee, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Foggo.

Poisons Bill.

The Hon'ble Mr. Rustomjee, in moving the first reading of "A Bill to regulate and restrict the sale of poisons in the Bombay Presidency," said—Since this subject was last before the Council, the Bill and Statement of objects and reasons have been translated and circulated. I now move the first reading of the bill. The member (Mr. Cassels) who first proposed its introduce the bill, stated enough to show the importance of the subjects and the desirability of having the existing law amended. I will not detain the Council except to make a very few remarks. There is no necessity to dwell on the dreadful nature of the crime of poisoning; it is the worst kind of murder, and has always been looked upon with horror. Indeed, I have read that many years ago in England there was a special punishment for the crime of poisoning. It was, that the person proved guilty should be boiled to death, and that persons have actually suffered this dreadful punishment. It is a well known fact, that the most deadly poisons are sold freely and without any restraint in the bazaar by persons who are almost entirely ignorant of the properties of the articles sold. No enquiry is made as to the purpose for which the poison is required—whether it is wanted for murder, or for medicinal purposes, or for use in trade or business, is all the same to the seller. He asks no questions. It may be one anna's or one rupee's worth that he sells. All he cares for is to get paid for what he sells, and he would as soon let a mere boy have a quantity of deadly poison (very likely not knowing its property) as he would to a skilled medical man. This is not a proper state of things, and I think it should be remedied. The sale of arsenic is particularly dangerous trade. Arsenic, I believe, is tasteless as well as colourless, and can be administered in almost any kind of food without the person taking it detecting its presence. Then the symptoms of poisoning very much resemble cholera, and I find that instances have been known to occur in Bombay of persons being treated for cholera when beyond all doubt they were suffering from the effects of taking poison. This is, I believe, well known, I am sorry to say, to many persons, as a medical gentleman of large experience has informed me that there is more poisoning by arsenic, when cholera is prevailing, than at any other time. He states that cases have been brought under his notice of persons being taken to the hospital, and who have been attacked by cholera, when there is no question that they had been poisoned. In England it was thought necessary, so long ago as in 1851, to put some check on the sale of arsenic, so as to prevent not only intentional poisoning, but poisoning by accident. The English Act from which the present bill is mainly taken, provided for arsenic being coloured before it was sold. The same provision is inserted in this bill. If these precautionary measures are necessary in England, I need hardly say how much more necessary they must be in India. Look at the class of persons who sell poisons in the bazaar here. They are much more ignorant than those who trade in such articles in England. I am told that the principal retail dealers in poisons in England are chemists and druggists, most of whom are persons of education and respectability. But here the sellers I may say are all uneducated people. Then again look at the much smaller chance there is of a poisoner escaping detection in Bombay than in England. In this country decomposition takes place much sooner after death than it does in England, so that in most cases it would be perfectly impossible to detect any traces of poison even two days after death, whereas in cold climates, there are numerous instances on record of persons having been proved to have been poisoned, by the examination of their bodies, months and even years after death, and the murderers convicted and punished. The bill was submitted by me to several gentlemen, including amongst them Government officers of experience, for their opinion, and they have favoured me with valuable suggestions which will be laid before the select committee, and can then be appropriately considered. To those gentlemen I take this opportunity of tendering my grateful acknowledgments. I will now conclude by moving that the bill be read a first time and entrusted to a select committee consisting of the Hon'ble Mr. Erskine, the Hon'ble Mr. Foggo, the Hon'ble Mr. Wilkinson, and the mover.

The bill was read a first time, and referred to the proposed committee.

Lieutenant-General Sir R. Napier having in a few words expressed his gratification in taking his seat as a Member,

The Council adjourned.

THE FRACAS ON THE ESPLANADE.

Yesterday Mr. Doasbhoy Framjee was engaged at the Fort Police Court in investigating a case, in which Lieutenant T. McLeod, of the 4th (King's Own) Royal Regiment, and Mr. J. S. B. Schrieber, late of the 5th Cavalry, were charged with assaulting Mr. M. P. Tuback, and using abusive language.

Mr. Barton, instructed by Mr. Thacker, for the complainant.

Mr. Manisty for the first defendant, Lieut. McLeod.

Mr. Barnard for Mr. Schrieber, the second defendant.

Mr. Barton, in opening the case, remarked it was one in which he hoped that equal justice would be dealt out between natives and Europeans, as it had been dealt out in many cases in this Court. It was a case in which the evidence was very clear; and he would show that defendants, after committing the outrage complained of, in which they at full gallop drove over five miles through different lanes and cross lanes in the island to avoid recognition, and to escape, if possible, the consequences of their act; that they at full gallop drove over five miles through different lanes and cross lanes in the island to avoid recognition, and to escape, if possible, the consequences of their act; that on the night of the 26th December last, between 10 and 11 o'clock, near full-moon, Mr. Tuback was driving along the Esplanade from Khetwady towards Colaba, when he resided. He had no lamps lighted, because there was no need for them, it being bright moonlight. Presently, a buggy drove up from the opposite direction; Mr. Tuback received a blow on the left cheek; and, at the same moment, some gentleman in the buggy made use of the expression "you soor, where are your lamps?" The learned counsel was not in a position to prove who struck the blow or who used the abusive words; but he knew what a European would have done had he been insulted by a native, as Mr. Tuback had been by a European. He held that, in a Court of justice, there should be no distinction between natives and Europeans; and he knew from his personal experience, that they had always had equal justice done them. Mr. Tuback, being a man of pluck, turned and followed the offenders as far as the municipal tank on the Esplanade; and one of the gentlemen, observing that they were followed, called the complainant "soor ca bunda." They were chased through different lanes in the native town until they reached and drew up at the Bombay Hotel at Byculla, Mr. Tuback keeping in the rear. The defendants in a few minutes were both seen at the door of the hotel, when Mr. Schrieber said "Oh! it is only a d——d Parsee!" Mr. Tuback asked for their names, and eventually got them. The next morning the case came before Colonel Wilby, but the learned counsel would leave the result to speak for themselves as to what occurred in the Colonel's presence. These were the whole of the facts. The prosecutor was anxious, for Colonel Wilby's sake, to receive an apology for this most unwarranted, most uncalled for, and most unjustifiable assault and abuse; and which, in the learned counsel's opinion, should never go unpunished, be the parties Europeans or natives. He argued that Mr. McLeod was aiding and abetting the other by driving him away in the buggy after the wrong had been committed. When the evidence had been laid before the Court, His Worship would be satisfied that he (Mr. Barton) had correctly stated the facts without colouring or exaggeration. The learned counsel deeply regretted that, after a wrong had been done, it should be necessary in this moment, and that the defendants should have forgotten that the noblest thing a gentleman can do, having once committed a wrong, is to tender an apology.

His Worship suggested, in the interest of all the parties, that an amicable settlement should be come to H-stated, that for his part, he would be very glad if the case were settled outside the Court. Before the evidence was gone into, he could not say which side was in the wrong. There was no doubt that justice would be done here between the parties; but very often cases like this were worked up to create that feeling among different sections of the community, who ought, for their common interest, to pull on well together. He, therefore, wished to know whether there yet was any hope of an amicable settlement of the case.

Mr. Barton—We are ready to accept an apology even now.

Mr. Barnard—While thankful for your Worship's advice, I am intructed to say that no assault was committed, and that we intend to make no apology whatever.

Mr. Manisty—As far as my client is concerned, we regret the abusive language which was used, and that is all that can be expected of us. We deny the assault.

Mr. Barton—As to Mr. McLeod, he has not been the worse of the two; and I know from my experience of courts martial, how these things must stand with him. No other barrister has had the duty of conducting so many cases at courts martial as I have had, and I should be glad, from what I know, to accept an expression of regret from Mr. McLeod.

Mr. Manisty—We are quite willing to express our regret that abusive language should have been used; I will not be misunderstood. Mr. McLeod would be glad to express his regret for the language which had been used. We deny the assault altogether.

Mr. Tuback—Under those circumstances I will not accept the apology, but will have the case gone through with.

Mr. Manockjee Pestonjee Tuback, examined by Mr. Barton—I am at present a broker, and have been for some time. Between 10 and 11 o'clock on the night of the 26th December last, a bright moonlight night, the day after the full moon—I was driving on the Esplanade towards Colaba. Near the Commercial Bank, I saw a buggy coming at full gallop and pass me. I saw there were in it two Europeans, one in uniform and the other in plain clothes. I was trotting, at the rate of about eight miles an hour. Lieut. McLeod was in uniform and Mr. Schrieber in plain clothes. As the buggy passed me a whip struck me on the back; and I heard a voice say, "you s——r, where are your lamps?" The voice and the cut of the whip were simultaneous. I am aware that Lieut. McLeod struck the blow: he was driving. It was an intentional blow, and not an accidental touch with the whip. Upon that I turned my buggy and followed them. They went at full gallop. I followed them only with the object to ascertain who they were. I managed to keep in sight of their buggy; which was going about fifteen miles an hour. I was driving a very good horse. Just near itamlal's well, where the municipal water tank is, I heard their gorawallah tell them that I was following; and I heard a voice say in Hindoostanee "you child of a p—g." I then drove the horse at higher speed, and I said "come on, and I'll soon teach you better manners." I passed them and went in advance about 100 yards. My gorawallah told me that they had turned and gone back towards the Fort. I also turned and followed them, through Church Gate Street, thence through Church Lane by the side of the Secretariate, through Tamarind Lane, and thence into Meadow Street. They were galloping, and I was at a trot. During the whole of the chase I did not see one mounted policeman. Through Meadow Street I followed them on to the Esplanade. I came up with them again near the Cricket Club tent on the Esplanade. Then they tried to go into the Marine Lines through the green on the Esplanade. I was ready to follow them; and seeing this, they drove to the Circus tent. Thence they drove along Calbadevie on to Bhendy Bazaar, and by the Nagpada road, to the Bombay Hotel at Byculla. I saw the buggy stop, and both the gentlemen went into the hotel. I stood by the side of the Jamasjee dhurumsalla. I then saw a policeman, but he refused to go after "goraljees," and said he would call a European constable. I told him to do so. I saw Mr. Schrieber come to the door of the hotel, and Mr. McLeod came after him. It was about 12 o'clock. I went to the police station and told the inspector that I was about to call Mr. Hewett, the proprietor of the hotel. Mr. McLeod then came up, followed by Mr. Schrieber, I never lost sight of them from first to last.

Mr. Barnard—You were going at a furious rate?

Mr. Tuback—Just enough to keep pace with them.

Mr. Barnard—And you were going very fast?

Mr. Tuback—I had a spirited horse. (A laugh.)

Mr. Barnard—And you are a fast gentleman yourself? (Laughter.)

Mr. Tuback—I leave you to judge of that, because you are now the judging of that. (Laughter.)

Mr Barnard—Did you see Mr. Hewett, the proprietor of the hotel?

Mr. Tuback—I did not.

Mr. Barnard—You said to my friend that you did?

Mr. Barton—No; nothing of the kind.

Mr. Tuback—I did not say that.

Mr. Barnard—You said that you would have given both the gentlemen a good thrashing?

Mr. Tuback—No; I did not.

Mr. Barnard—You wanted to show off your pugilism, as you have done before?

Mr. Tuback—I decline to answer your question.

Mr. Barnard—Oh! And the insult you suffered was so very little, that you were ready at once to accept an apology?

Mr. Tuback—Yes, from respect for Colonel Wilby.

Mr. Barnard—Have you known him long?

Mr. Tuback—Yes, for the last eight years.

Mr. Barnard—Had you business relations with Colonel Wilby?

Mr. Tuback—Yes; and I knew him in other ways.

Mr. Barton—I protest against this sort of cross-examination as most unseemly and unprofessional. I would never have put such a question.

Colonel Wilby—No one was sitting in Court—Mr. Tuback is mistaken. I had not a single business relation with him. It is improper to refer to one's private affairs in this way, when it is unnecessary to do so.

Mr. Manisty—My client had nothing to do with the question; and we are sorry it should have been put.

Mr. Barton—It is quite worthy of you, Mr. Manisty.

Colonel Wilby—Mr. Barton may have had no business relation with him; and your question was not a proper one.

Mr. Barnard—I must use my discretion in the matter; and must do my duty to my client.

His Worship—The question has nothing to do with the charge under investigation; and I must ask you, Mr. Barnard, not to put any irrelevant question.

Mr. Barnard, to witness—How could you follow them if you went at a trot?

Mr. Tuback—I did follow them at a trot, even though they were going at the rate of seven miles an hour.

Mr. Barnard—When was it you heard the words "child of a pig" used?

Mr. Tuback—When I overtook them near the municipal tank.

Mr. Barnard—You told them "I will teach you good manners?"

Mr. Tuback—"I will teach you better manners," I said. (A laugh.)

Mr. Barnard—Wh-t did you mean by that?

The witness's answer was inaudible at the reporter's table.

Mr. Barnard—Then you were indignant, you who had been so often indignant at previous rows?

Mr. Tuback—I was very indignant at that abusive expression being used.

Mr. Barnard—Did you not say you would thrash both the gentlemen if you had the chance?

Mr. Tuback—No; certainly not.

Mr. Barnard—They were going fifteen miles an hour, and you said you were going eight—how did you, then, follow them?

Mr. Tuback—I said I was going at the rate of eight miles before the assault took place; and afterwards I had to go at the same rate as they.

Mr. Barnard—You stood at some distance from the hotel, and yet you say you never lost sight of the gentlemen?

Mr. Tuback—When I say I never lost sight of them, I mean sight of the buggy.

Mr. Barnard—Who was with you in your buggy?

Mr. Tuback—My gorawallah. He is here.

Mr. Barnard—How long were you at the hotel?

Mr. Tuback—About ten minutes.

Mr. Barnard—Are you sure you who made the grimaces?

Mr. Tuback—Mr. Schrieber. I turned round on hearing, "Ha, ha, ha," and saw him doing that.

Mr. Barnard—Laughing! You mean the exclamation did not come from the billiard-table?

Mr. Barton—I don't see what the billiard-table has to do here. (A laugh.)

Mr. Barnard—I happen to be residing at the hotel, and know that the billiard table is quite near; and Mr. Tuback may be mistaken.

Mr. Tuback—No; I am quite sure as to that.

Mr. Barnard—Have you never said that you would take the matter into your own hands.

Mr. Tuback—Certainly not; I have said to friends that, though I was capable of taking the matter into my own hands, I did not intend to do so.

Mr. Barnard—Oh, yes, you are capable of doing that—nobody questions it; for you have done it in previous rows. (Laughter.) Will you swear you saw the same parties in the buggy on their return home towards Colaba?

Mr. Tuback—Yes; I saw the same parties in the buggy from my portico, where I was standing.

Mr. Manisty, before cross-examining Mr. Tuback, said I wish it to be distinctly understood that my client had nothing to do with the question regarding Colonel Wilby's business relations; and we both regret the question should have been put.

Mr. Barnard to Colonel Wilby.—If that question has caused you any pain, I beg your pardon; and express regret both for myself and my client.

His Worship—This explanation will be satisfactory to Colonel Wilby.

Mr. Barton—I should never have thought of putting such a question. It is quite unprofessional.

Colonel Wilby made a remark which was not audible.

Mr Manisty to witness—Can you distinctly swear that you saw the whip in Mr. McLeod's hands?

Mr. Tuback—It was in Mr. McLeod's hands, and he was driving the buggy. It touched me slightly.

Mr. Barton—This business at Kurrachee took place in 1856-57, when I was there as your counsel?

Mr. Tuback—Yes.

Mr. Barton—You need not mention any names, and you would not like to do so?

Mr. Tuback—Certainly not; but I have in my possession an apology from those officers in their own handwriting in respect of that occurrence.

Mr. Barton—It is out of respect for those officers that I did not mention their names; but was owing to Mr. Tuback's forbearance, at my advice, that they were not brought to a court martial.

Mr. Tuback—Yes; it was a most shameful affair.

Mr. Barton—And you were in danger of your life for some days after that?

Mr. Tuback—Yes.

Mr Barton suggested an amicable settlement at this stage of the proceedings.

Mr. Manisty for His Worship—Mr. Tuback says that, if Mr. McLeod will state before your Worship that he did not strike with the whip intentionally, he will withdraw the charge against Mr. McLeod.

Colonel Wilby—Mr McLeod said that before me.

Mr. Manisty—That is what we have been saying from the beginning of the case.

Mr. Barton—Using my discretion as counsel, I advise my client to withdraw the charge against Mr. McLeod; and had the case been otherwise conducted from what it has been, I should have advised the same course as regards the other defendant, whose counsel has to answer a good deal for his conduct of his client's case.

Mr. McLeod rose here, and expressed his regret if the whip should have struck Mr Tuback, which it must have done quite accidentally.

The charge against Mr. McLeod was here withdrawn, and the charge of using abusive language, against Mr. Schrieber, was proceeded with.

His Worship—I am very glad so far, as it shows a good and proper feeling on the part of Mr. McLeod.

Mr. Barton—Mr. McLeod being discharged, I am now in a position to put him in the witness-box; but I shall not resort to such sharp practice. I will now ask Colonel Wilby whether, in his presence and hearing, Mr. McLeod expressed his regret that he should have been in the company of one who used such abusive language. Even now, I will advise my client to accept an apology from Mr. Schrieber.

Mr Manisty and Mr. Barnard objected to the question, above indicated, being put to Colonel Wilby, as Mr. Schrieber was not present at the time.

His Worship agreed with Mr. Barnard and Mr. Manisty.

Mr. Barnard—I am not instructed to make an apology. We deny the charge.

Mr. Barton—I may now state what I did not think it proper to mention before, that Mr. Schrieber has admitted his offence in a letter he sent Mr. Thacker, and I will put Mr. Thacker in the witness-box.

Mr. Thacker was sworn, and stated that he had received a letter purporting to be from, and signed by, J. S. B. Schrieber, which was written in a bold hand, and he believed that it was in Mr. Schrieber's handwriting. He had destroyed it, as it was not fit to be preserved among his papers It had in it some very improper reflections on Mr. Tuback; and he (Mr. Thacker) thought it to be so shameful, so ungentlemanly, that he destroyed the note. He would most distinctly state, in the strongest language at his command, that it was a most ungentlemanly production; and he could not conceive it possible for any one calling himself a gentleman to have been so stupid as to write such a letter.

Mr. Barnard—My client will swear that he never sent any such letter to Mr. Thacker. I am instructed to say so.

Mr. Barton—I am sorry to see that my learned friend should take such a course.

Mr. Barnard—I am doing my duty to my client.

Mr. Barton—But I say you are not doing your duty to your client.

His Worship—At this rate, I cannot go on with the case.

Mr. Thacker to Mr. Barton—I sent the letter to the gentleman who were engaged for the defendants, to show them what sort of a client they had got; and I then destroyed it.

Mr. Barnard—I never saw the letter. There must be some mistake.

His Worship to Mr. Barnard—I don't suppose Mr. Thacker alluded to you.

Mr. Barnard—He was not sent to Mr. Barnard, but to the defendant's solicitors, Messrs. Kelly, Horo, and Manisty.

Mr. Thacker—I am sure that, had I been fortunate enough to have shown it to Mr. Barnard, he would have thrown up the case.

Mr. Barnard—Was there an admission in that letter?

Mr. Thacker said the letter purported to come from Mr. Schreiber, and in the opening lines he stated that Mr. McLeod had shown him his (Mr. Thacker's) note in reference to this case.

Mr. Barnard—This sort of evidence is not to be admitted against my client.

His Worship—When the document has been destroyed, Mr. Thacker can swear to its contents.

Mr. Barton—Did you ever hear such a proposition from a barrister? (A laugh.) Evidence of the contents of a document, in the absence of that document, is always admissible upon oath. (To Mr. Thacker.) What was the substance of that letter?

Mr. Thacker proceeded to state that, after saying he would not be a naughty boy again, Mr. Schrieber entreated him not to prosecute him in the police court, expressing his fear that it would hasten his bald-headed father to his grave; and that if he (Mr. Thacker) persuaded Mr. Tuback to withdraw the charge, he would introduce him to his sisters. Mr. Thacker believed that the letter was in Mr. Schrieber's handwriting; and he distinctly swore that every line of it, as far as it went, was an admission of his offence. It was with considerable reluctance that Mr. Thacker made these statements under a pressure from counsel.

Mr. Barnard—Did you see the letter written?

Mr. Thacker—No; but I have seen and heard the writer there and then. (A laugh.) It contained a great deal of balderdash and a great deal of impropriety.

Mr. Barnard—I have a right to perform in the case, and I mean to perform it. Do you say it contained a deal of balderdash such as a man, who was drunk, might have written?

Mr. Thacker—I don't think that any gentleman, even if he were drunk, would write such a letter. (Laughter.)

Mr. Barnard—We again deny having written the letter.

Mr. M. P. Tuback was here recalled to corroborate Mr. Thacker as to the receipt of the letter, and as to his having forwarded it to the defendant's solicitors.

Luxumon, the complainant's gorawalla, was then examined, and corroborated his statements as to his having driven Mr. Tuback to the hotel, and the expressions having been used by one of the gentlemen in the buggy.

Lieut. T. McLeod was here sworn, at Mr. Barton's request, and stated that he did not use the abusive words in the night in question. The gorawalla was standing behind the buggy; but Mr. McLeod did not hear him utter any abusive word.

To Mr. Barton—Mr. and Mr. Schrieber returned from the hotel and stopped at the Circus for some time, after which I went home to Colaba alone in the same buggy, the gorawalla standing behind.

Mr. Barnard, for the defence, said he had but a few observations to make. If any one committed an assault upon the complainant, certainly it was not his client.

His Worship—I cannot allow yourself, Mr. Barnard, to the charge of abusive language.

Mr. Barnard—That has not been proved; and, under the 351st Section of the Penal Code—

Mr. Barton—We don't rely on the Penal Code.

Mr. Barnard—I* know; but I shall conduct the case as I like, without my friend's advice.

Mr. Barton—Heat, heat, Gujrat. (Laughter.)

Some noise ensued, whereupon—

His Worship—I cannot allow such a scene to occur in this Court.

After the noise had subsided, Mr. Barnard contended that there was not a tittle of evidence to prove a criminal offence against his client; and he, therefore, claimed his acquittal as his right. No assault had taken place; and if the abusive words, it was only natural to use them towards persons who chose to drive at such fearful pace, as placed the lives of others in jeopardy. The learned counsel did not vindicate the bad language used by the complainant, and if it were proved to have been used by his client, it would be his client's duty to apologise for it. Mr. Barnard commented upon the circumstances that the complainant had not proved the abusive words in one of his statements, to the effect that he had seen both the defendants drive in the same buggy on their return to Colaba, while Mr. McLeod swore that he drove home alone. Mr. Tuback's evidence being untruthful in one particular, must be presumed to be untruthful, at least it was not reliable, in all other particulars—one single contradictory proved to be such, as unsettled the whole evidence. The learned counsel commented at further length upon the evidence, arguing that his client was entitled to an acquittal.

His Worship—Mr. Schrieber is still in the army?

Mr. Barton—He has lately sold out.

His Worship—Mr. McLeod very properly expressed his regret for an unintentional wrong; and I wish the same course had been followed with regard to the other defendant. As I said at the commencement, it was desirable that the case should be amicably settled. I can now say that I have no doubt in my mind, upon the whole of the evidence, that Mr. Schrieber used the abusive language charged against him; and I fine him Rs 20

The Court was greatly crowded during the hearing of the case.

MAZAGON POLICE COURT.—19th Jan.

(Before F. L. Brown, Esq.)

Theft by a Domestic.—A Portuguese named Domingo Fernandes, a servant in the employ of one S. A. Vongeyer, was placed at the bar charged with having stolen four spoons, of the value of five rupees, the property of his master.

From the evidence of the prosecutor it appears that, during the time the accused had been in his employ, he had missed the five spoons before the Court. On the morning of Thursday last he questioned the prisoner about the spoons, when he denied having received them from him. Complainant thereupon told him that he would discharge him. He then found the spoons around his waist.

As there was no further evidence forthcoming His Worship discharged the accused.

Theft.—Robert Mandara was placed at the bar, charged with stealing one dhotur, of the value of six annas, the property of a peon in the service of Mr. Ramchunder Balcrisna, by name Domeree.

It appears from the evidence of the complainant that, on the evening of Thursday last, at 5 o'clock, when he returned from his duty, he saw the prisoner in his room. When he entered the room, the prisoner took from a box a dhotur, and ran away with it. He followed him calling out "thief! thief!" A policeman arrested the prisoner on the road with the dhotur in his hand. The policeman materially corroborated the testimony of the complainant.

The prisoner denied the charge, but he was found guilty, and sentenced to one month's imprisonment in the House of Correction.

LAW.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.—19th Jan.

(Before N. Spencer, Esq.)

Woodhouse, Kerrick and Co. vs. Khimjee Thjee, carrying on business at Soma Jeta Tejey.

Khimjee or Soma—This action was to recover the sum of Rs. 426-7-5, being the money paid by the plaintiffs for the defendant's use at his request for the premium, upon insurance of 50 bales of cotton per *Dhuttora*, a vessel which he drew a bill of exchange dated 7th January 1865, for £37-10, upon Messrs. Woodhouse and Kerrick of London, who duly accepted and paid the same at maturity.

Mr. Pelle appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Chapple for the defendant.

Mr. Chapple for the defence, contended that Khimjee had no connection with Soma. He was his servant, and in that capacity signed bills for his master.

Mr. Pelle on behalf of the plaintiffs argued that Khimjee was liable to pay the amount sued for, inasmuch as it was never known to his clients that he was the servant of Soma, but on the contrary it would appear that he had on one occasion paid the amount of a judgment delivered against him at the instance of Messrs. Fulcher, Cooper and Co.

The defendant, Khimjee, on being examined stated that he knew Soma Tejecy, and was in his employ for a period of about three years. He was never a partner of Soma. Signed the bill in his behalf. Had signed other bills in name of Soma, who paid them when they became due. Witness had received orders from his master to sign the bills. Never gave out that he was a partner of Soma. Left his service about two months ago. He did not know the plaintiffs, but knew Messrs. Fulcher, Cooper & Co. Did not inform the last mentioned firm that he was the servant of Soma. In all offices servants sign for their master's. Soma was not in good circumstances. The bills when due were presented either by Soma or himself. Witness solemnly swore that Soma was only his master.

By Mr. Pelle.—Witness remembered the last November when a judgment was passed against him in this Court at the instance of Messrs Fulcher, Cooper & Co. He was arrested an I paid the money. The Court decided that as the owner was not in Bombay he should pay the money.

The next witness examined was Soma Tejcey, but his evidence was of so contradictory a nature that His Honor without hearing any more witnesses, recorded a verdict for the plaintiffs, with costs.

KHANDEISH.

The Queen vs. Dhondo Raynath and Gopal Tukaram.

At a Court of Criminal Sessions held at Dhoolia, before William Mant Philip Coghlan, Esquire, Acting Session Judge, two Post Office clerks, named Dhondo Raynath and Gopal Tukaram, were tried on a charge of fraudulently mutilating and breaking open about 200 letters. The charge alleged that the accused, on or about Saturday, the 30th day of December 1865, at the town of Dhoolia, in the Dhoolia taluka, in the district of Khandeish, the accused being servants of Government in the Post Office Department, fraudulently mutilated and broke open about 200 paid and bearing letters entrusted to them, and that they thereby committed an offence punishable under Section L. of Act XVII. of 1854, and within the cognizance of the Court of Session.

The accused persons severally pleaded not guilty, and claimed to be tried.

The case was tried with the aid of two assessors.

The Government pleader, Mr. Ganesh Bhagwant, appeared for the Crown, and Messrs. Govindrao Ramchandra and Krishnaji Hari, pleaders of the District Court, for the defence.

The depositions of Mr. George Patrick Gardiner, the inspecting postmaster; of Shankar Mahadeo, the postmaster; of Mr. T. E. Kyte, the resident magistrate; and of Yadao Bayaji, a letter peon in the Post Office at Dhoolia, were recorded for the prosecution.

The examination of the accused persons were then read and recorded, and Mr. Krishnaji Hari, on behalf of the accused, urged that the charge implied fraudulent intention, of which there was no proof, that the unopened letter was among those before the Court, and that valuables are always sent by registered letters. On behalf of the accused. Gopal, he urged that he (Gopal) was a mere learner in the Post Office, and that there was no evidence against him.

The Government pleader in reply set forth that the admission of the guilt of the accused No. 1 (Dhondo) had been clearly proved, and that it was impossible to believe that the letters were torn up without fraudulent intention.

The assessors differed in their verdict; one of them stated that accused Dhondo, No. 1, was guilty, and that the other accused was not; while the other assessor found that both the accused persons were not guilty.

The Acting Session Judge, William Mant Philip Coghlan, Esquire, then delivered the following judgment:—

"In the first instance the magistrate at Dhoolia tried the two accused persons, Dhondo Ragunath and Gopal Tukaram, under Section 49 of the Post Office Act, and found a case only on Dhondo Ragunath, acquitting the second person, Gopal Tukaram. Dhondo Ragunath presented an appeal to the Session Judge of Khandeish, who, finding that the head of the magistrate had acted without jurisdiction, and that the proceedings, so far as regards conviction and sentence, had been consequently held *Coram non Judice*, I therefore, under Section 423 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, annulled the proceedings, and directed the trial of the case by the Court of Session. I also, under the authority vested in the Court of Session by Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, ordered the commitment of the accused person, Gopal Tukaram, who had been discharged by the magistrate. The case has now come on for trial, and the accused have been tried under Section 50 of the Post Office Act. I proceed briefly to review the evidence which has been recorded. Mr. Gardiner, the inspecting postmaster in Khandeish, has deposed that, on the evening of the 30th December last, he went to the Dhoolia Post Office between 7 and 8 P.M. in the evening, and found the outer door and the windows shut, but the back door open; that he looked through the north window into a room where there was a light, and saw the accused Gopal Tukaram, No. 2, examining some letters by lamp light. Mr. Gardiner went in by the back door, and asked Gopal Sukaram what he was about; who replied that he was sorting letters. Mr. Gardiner then, observing an open box with two trays in it, picked up some of the letters, and found that they were of different dates. Mr. Gardiner then sent for the postmaster, who resides close to the Post Office, but, in the meantime, the accused Dhondo Ragunath, who had been sleeping in the Post Office; Mr. Gardiner had placed one of the boxes on a table that the house tax, however obnoxious both to them and their tenants, is after all an indispensable evil, which however falls considerably short of the landlords' oppression. The tax is levied on the amount received as *rent*, and any demands by landlords over and above what is required for paying it, is a decided extortion and a *fraud* on the Municipality. Tenants might, without much loss to themselves, wink at petty venalities which are not worth while making a noise about, but when these failings are indulged in *largely*, the whole thing becomes intolerable.

"Tax-payer" complains of the "valuation of the houses" by the Municipal Commissioner being much too high, but I fancy this might be remedied by satisfying that gentleman, that such is the case, without having recourse to harsh measures towards tenants. But the municipal "valuation" must *of course* be invariably overestimated, if rent for houses is to be regulated according to "Tax-payer's" *marginal* system.

The reason that "houses remain unoccupied" during the year is all very well and has been fully met in your note at the foot of "Tax-payer's" letter. I can from experience say, that "unoccupied houses" is at present a *wonder* in Bombay.

A TENANT.

Bombay, 19th January.

INDIAN NEWS-LETTERS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MOOLTAN, 12th January.

We have had fine winter weather lately, but no life has been infused into the cantonment. The Artillery batteries have moved into camp for their annual practice; the 15th Bengal Cavalry (Cureton's Mooltanees) have come in from Jhansie, the men having arrived in the district of their homes are immensely delighted. The 1st Bengal Fusiliers marched out this morning for Umballa, the band of H. M.'s 35th Foot playing "Auld Lang Syne."

News arrived yesterday of a raid made at Dehra Ishmael Khan by a body of Wuzeerees of the Sulimah Kheyl tribe. The 2nd Punjab Cavalry moved out against them, and killed eighteen, with a loss on our side of one sowar killed, and one wounded.

A party of H. M.'s 35th Foot, under Captain Grant, proceeded to Dehra Ishmael Khan three or four days since, to relieve the two companies of that regiment, which have been there some time. The fort, which is situated on the river Hoti Murdan, has become threatening, an refused to pay the usual tribute, in consequence of which a mountain battery and Punjab infantry regiment has been sent to reinforce the Fort at Murdan.

Some three years since a Mussulman native of Mooltan died in Russia, having accumulated a large fortune by merchandise. Having no heir in Russia, the Government of that country applied to ours that the money might go to the lawful claimant. This fortunate subject is found in Mooltan, and at present has not wherewith to clothe himself properly, or has the slightest personal knowledge of his deceased benefactor, but considers it a wonderful instance of the justice of our Government. The inhabitants of the Frontier now speak familiarly of the Russians, and say they have *come*, alluding to their close proximity.

The wing of the 4th Sikh Infantry arrived this morning, and the 1st Sikhs, under Captain Rice, marches on the 14th instant for Peshawur. General Wemyss has assumed the Brigade command here.

CALCUTTA, 11th January.

Yesterday witnessed a grand meeting of the inhabitants of this city for the purpose of hearing what has been done, and what has yet to be done, for the benefit of the sailors of this port. Instead of giving you a sketch of Jack's mode of life on shore here, we give you one, necessarily a short one, of the sort of place he has to house himself in when he arrives here, and you will then find no difficulty in forming a tolerably correct conception of the state of things he finds about him. Flag Street, or as it is also called Lall Bazaar, (why or wherefore I really cannot tell) is a long and narrow road, flanked on both sides by narrow filthy ditches, which again are fringed by a row of taverns, chop-houses, and coffee-rooms of all sizes and shapes, but of one uniform character. Where Lall Bazaar commences, there also commences a fearful stench, to the solidity of which I can testify, as I have unfortunately to pass through it nearly every night on my return from my avocations. The head of the road is occupied by a large grogshop and several native shoemakers' shops, and the washings of leather and other abominations come pouring down into the gutter from these dark and filthy places, each of which is occupied by at least half a dozen men, women, and children, who shoot the contents of their greasy pots and pans, their abominable "hookhas," and the washings of their unutterably dirty linen into these ditches. This goes on all day and every day; and when I tell you that our engineer (municipal) has not done any thing particularly clever for the removal of the contents of those ditches, you will doubtless agree with me in believing that the head of Lall Bazaar is not the most delectable of spots on the face of the earth. A little further on you come across heaps of muck, heaps of leather cuttings, and groups of dirty children, all of which combine to poison the atmosphere with great perseverance. Then come the tanners, with dark unwholesome looking rooms, innocent of all ventilation, in which every thing is filthy, and reeks with bad tobacco, and worse liquor. Benches—rough, heavy, and coarse are scattered about, along some which are to be seen the stalwart limbs of some hirsute sailor, heavy with intoxication. In the centre stands a thing called a table, which may be said to be scarred with the marks of glasses and tumblers, and with the print of grid and arrack. The beds have not known clean linen for ever so long, and the whole building has a close fusty smell, which compels you to beat a sudden retreat into the open street. In these receptacles (for they cannot be called anything else) Jack is housed when he comes ashore, and where he is speedily disencumbered of everything in the shape of money. Now, if these "taverns" are bad, the coffee-houses are decidedly worse, for in them the sailors are attended to by several young Portuguese women, by no means bad looking, and who help the owner of the establishment to fleece poor Jack of every shilling he possesses. It is to rescue him and his class from this miserable fate that the new Sailors' Home was built, but, as the number of the seamen who visit this port is rapidly increasing, it has become necessary to add another floor to the building, whilst, at the same time, it is supplied with a reading-room, library, &c. The Governor General and Lady Lawrence were at the meeting, and, for the first time, a public gathering of the Calcutta public witnessed the presence of ladies, of whom there were about thirty. In the compound of the house there were numbers of sailors, who gave the Governor General several hearty cheers, as one who had already shown a great interest in all that concerns the comfort, health, and morality of poor sailors.

The Chief Justice of your island,

INVOLUNTARY COMBUSTION.

(From the Pall Mall Gazette, Dec. 5.)

To the Right Hon. Miller Gibson, M. P., President of the Board of Trade.

Sir,—Having narrowly escaped being roasted alive in the Paris and Marseilles express of the 30th ult., I am thereby impelled to call your attention to the necessity of adopting forthwith two very simple measures for the protection of railway passengers in England.

The first is, to forbid the dangerous practice which now obtains of locking at least one door of every railway carriage whilst in motion.

The second is, to establish a means of communication between every railway carriage and the official in charge of the train.

When a railway carriage upsets, or runs down an embankment, it is as likely to turn over on the side on which the door is unlocked as on the side on which the door is locked. And, if it turns over on the side on which the door is unlocked, the passengers are to all intents and purposes locked in, and have no possible means of escape until the locked door is unlocked, or prized open from without.

Until I witnessed the accident of the 20th ult. I had no conception of the rapidity with which a railway carriage would burn, its materials being all not only quite dry, but highly combustible. In the event of an accident happening to an engine, the carriages which it draws are certain to fall over it, when the whole mass would fire up and burn like a heap of tar barrels; and unless the passengers could extricate themselves instantaneously, they must all perish, as they did in the memorable holocaust on the Versailles line.

The practice of door-locking is undoubtedly very convenient for the railway officials, and very economical for the railway companies, who are thereby enabled to carry on their daily business with a smaller staff than they otherwise would require; but in matters important to human life, such economies merit no consideration. If all not both doors of the carriages been open on the night of the 20th ult., the passengers escaping from the burning train would all have had to jump out on the same side, and could not have done so without even greater detriment to life and limb than actually took place.

In France, since the Versailles accident, the railway authorities have never allowed a single door of their railway carriages whilst in motion. At the bottom of each door on the outside is a socket, into which the guard turns over a heavy loose lateh, fixed to each carriage, when he wishes to prevent the passengers from getting out. By this simple device the passengers are sufficiently controlled; yet if they wish to release themselves they can do so by reaching out of the window of the carriage in which they are travelling and lifting the latchet. This they did in the accident of the 20th ult., and fortunate it was for them that they were able to do so, for had either door been fastened on that occasion many more lives must have been lost.

The next point to which I would earnestly call your attention is the necessity of establishing a means of communication between the passenger carriages and the official in charge of the train. This might be done by means of a light chain attached to a bell in the guard's van, passing through a glazed box in each passenger compartment, and easily connected and disconnected by swivels whenever a carriage had to be added to or subtracted from the train. A notice might be affixed to the box, authorizing passengers, in case of accident or necessity, to break the glass and pull the bell. The guard would thus be able to identify by the fracture the carriage in which the bell had been pulled, and, on hearing it, would have his vigilance awakened, and would have to exercise his discretion as to the point at which he could safely stop the train. A bylaw could easily be enacted for the punishment of persons stopping trains on frivolous pretences.

It is terrible to think of the horrors that may any day occur in such a train as the Irish day mail, which stops but four times between Euston-square and Holyhead, and which travels at the rate of between fifty and sixty miles an hour, for want of such an arrangement as I have described. Railway guards are, I believe, often sadly overworked men, and sometimes they are drunken men; and, were such a disaster as that which occurred at Joigny on the 20th ult. to happen to "the wild Irishman" (which is the joyful noun conferred on the Irish express by its familiars), and were the guards to fail to discover it, from inattention, sleep, or drink, the unhappy passengers would scarcely have the chance of escape that was afforded to them on being roasted alive or dashed to pieces; one of the doors of each of "the wild Irishman's" carriages, at least, would be locked.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. O.

EPICENE CLUBS.

(From the Pall Mall Gazette, December 5.)

Lord Westminster's leaves are falling in, and simultaneously his houses are falling beneath the axe and crowbar of the contractor. Those modest, ugly, dingy, three or four storied houses, in which the upper-middle section of society was so comfortably lodged at a tolerably reasonable rate, are rapidly disappearing, and from their ashes rise pretentious structures of giddy height, frowning over the darkened streets, and for which rents or corresponding proportions are asked and obtained. One cannot but wonder as he watches the process of transformation what is to become of the ejected. While we hear right and left the sound of lamentation, by no means unfounded, over the hard case of the bankrupt tradesman, no one seems to give a thought to the struggling head-and-mind labourer. But it is almost as difficult to guess where the rising generation of barristers, solicitors, physicians, curates, clerks in public offices, and *bona fide* *annuitants* is to find its domicile. These men must be near their work just like their humbler brethren. In some of the learned professions especially, they must be the way to answer every call, or forfeit their prospects of business. If this architectural improving goes on as it seems likely to do, where are these young men to live when they marry? And physicians and surgeons, even when unmarried, cannot live in the scrambling way young officers and others do, depending on their club for every thing except their night's lodging. But the increasing difficulty of getting a house at their means promises to be a serious impediment to marriage in future. Already the hard worked "Belgravian mothers of six" are deploring the back wardness in coming forward of the husbands in posse. What an awful prospect there is before their successors in the laborious art of chaperonage! In all sober seriousness it can never be a desirable thing that men of that very large and important class which, perhaps more than any other gives the tone to the national character should be almost prohibited from contracting marriage until they have entered middle life. Mr. Disraeli has given it as his opinion that the morals and manners will never become purer until it is the rule for man to marry at two or three and twenty; but the want of a home to which to take a wife is a formidable obstacle in the way of their doing so. A young clergyman, being asked jocosely how it was that he and his brethren got the pick of the nice girls for their wives, answered gravely, after a little reflection, that perhaps it was because they generally had a house ready to put them in, and the converse of the proposition holds equally good. One thing seems certain, that the Londoner must submit to see long give up the cherished idea of the "Englishman's castle" kind of house. Self-contained houses in western London will shortly be within the reach of none with an annual income of less than £2,000. Flats on the Parisian plan must suffice for young couples starting in life, and in order to have these we must build on quite a new system. Our present houses are the most inconvenient imaginable for dividing, as every one knows who has ever been a parlour-lodger with a second bedroom, or inhabited a "drawing room with [illegible] story rooms as always goes along with it." [illegible] that in the new Belgravian province, [illegible] venor-place some houses are to [illegible] being let in divisions. But [illegible] of such houses we shall [illegible] swamp of Vic[illegible] £120 to £12[illegible] the g[illegible]

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It would be marvellous that women, feeling this inconvenience as they must, should have borne so long making no effort to remove it, were it not that we all know and take it for granted, that in the class we indicate they never do attempt to help themselves. Since parents and guardians will persist, in the face of statistics and facts, in bringing up all young gentlewomen as if there were a certainty of their marrying early and well, and living happy ever after, until the day when their *natural* (and infatuated) *protectors* die, and leave them with a small a comparatively slender pittance, enervated habits, and no powers of thinking and acting independently, to fight a losing battle with a world that regards them as a mere incumbrance, it is small wonder that, as the Americans say, they "give up" and take whatever comes in their way as their inevitable lot. The single men long ago supplemented their incomplete lodgings by the establishment of clubs, perceiving that by combination they could live both better and more cheaply than each individual could by himself. Combination of their comparatively small means would do as much in proportion for the women, but they will not take the hint and act upon it. Now and then at distant intervals we have heard of a feeble spurt of action in that line, and of *proposals*, which, as far as we know, have never been carried for the establishment of what were called ladies' clubs, but which were in reality a cross between a reformatory and a penitentiary. Rules were to be laid down as to assembling at prayers, at meals, as to goings out and comings in, which were nothing short of absurd. No well conducted, well educated lady of mature years could submit to be tutored like a school girl in matters of indifference, unless she were under the dominion of some such powerful sentiment as decides single women to enter sisterhoods, and it is not of such we are treating, but of the ordinary run of childless widows and old maids. Women cannot live together in any large number without quarrelling, it is said, and we believe it to be true—not because women are naturally more ill-tempered and unsociable than men, but because they are too much thrown together. It is a difficulty in the way of forming clubs for women alone; perhaps the only way to solve it is to form *clubs—lodging* and *boarding* clubs—for men *and* women. The men have their clubs already, we may be told, and want nothing more. No, not while they are yet young, and have always before them the chance of a better kind of life. But when they begin to grow old? When they are no longer eagerly welcomed in general society; when they are shunned as bores by the younger members of their own club; when the friends of their youth are dead, or drafted off into homes of their own, and are no longer to be met in their old haunts; when strength fails, and it is an effort to leave the fireside on a wet or cold night, and traverse the streets to reach their lonely lodgings? Men at this time of life find themselves in a more dreary and uncomfortable position than women under similar circumstances. Who is there who has not among his acquaintance some old gentleman who has married his cook or housemaid to escape it? The old ladies do not take so readily to marrying their butlers and footmen.

The club that would provide for all this would be new in nothing but the name—it would be a boarding hotel, like those in America or at watering places, with the advantage of knowing one's companions. Members of course would be admitted only by ballot, committee, or any such method as might be decided upon, so as to ensure their being all people belonging to the same stratum of society. The house might be built on the plan of a hotel, and with the possibility of each inmate keeping his own body servant—the general work of the house to be done by club servants, who, as well as the kitchen department, should be under the control of a manager. A table d'hôte would probably in London not be as convenient as the restaurant system; and there ought to be two or three sitting-rooms, in which members could receive visitors and entertain friends, besides the common drawing-room, library, and dining-rooms. We can fancy the elderly gentlemen and ladies when they have once got over the cheap-rooted Britannic prejudices against it, going down hill very comfortably together in a well conducted establishment of this sort, finding suitable friends and companions with whom especially to consort, having cheerful society ready to their hand, sitting down to their rubber at whist, or their book, or evening chat, in a well furnished, lighted, and warmed room at home, instead of sulking alone in a gloomy lodging, or dressing to cross half London in search of an evening party to which they are only asked out of politeness and where they are not wanted. The idea of any impropriety in the intercourse of sexes is too foolish to combat. In the first place, no young people would be likely to be candidates for admission; in the next, every woman in the club would be a volunteer chaperon and detective to every other. Married couples, even old and childless, we are of opinion, should not be eligible. "They creatures," as the housemaid said of the sea-anemones in a vivarium, "had better stay where God put'em—in their homes."

MISS LONGWORTH AND THE "SATURDAY REVIEW."

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The verdict given yesterday in favor of the *Saturday Review* appears to us one of the most important victories which the cause of good sense and good morals has won in the course of the last few years—perhaps for a longer time. It is to be hoped that it will teach that increasing class of ladies who allow themselves to trifle with the obligations of morality under the shelter of a turn for sentiment that the world is not deceived by them. The spread of civilization is reproducing some of the sturdy virtues of a rougher age, by teaching men that it is better, after all, to call a spade a spade, than to hint with mandlin sobs at the possibility that some hard-hearted persons may look upon it as an agricultural implement. It is impossible for any one to have followed the tone of public feeling and opinion for the last twenty years without seeing that from a great variety of causes it has been gradually becoming far firmer, healthier, and more manly than it was. A higher standard of criticism has been applied both to books and to conduct than was formerly common. People have come to appreciate the cant and insincerity of much that used to pass muster as the genuine expression of honourable, or at least interesting feelings, and to fewer excuses for weaknesses or faults because they happened to be environed with an operatic lustre. This fortunate change is largely attributed to many causes, but one of the most conspicuous is that gentlemen have taken to writing in newspapers much more extensively than was the case twenty years ago. At that time there was a touch of the Bohemian about the great majority of journalists. They were tolerant of irregularities. They were the sworn enemies of conventionality, and had little or no acquaintance with or liking for those grave and solid principles and institutions on which all permanent social arrangements must be founded. We need not trace the various steps by which that has been altered, but it is right to say that the *Saturday Review* is settled at the credit of having been the first paper established on the principle that journalism may, and ought to be, a liberal profession, animated by that tone of thought and sentiment which may be expected in the members of such a profession. It is also right to say that with certain exceptions it has adhered sincerely and cordially to the canons of good morals. It may at times have been too harsh. It has often, it must be owned, transgressed the bounds both of good manners and of justice with regard to particular persons, but in the main it has been by far the most powerful advocate of sense and English press of the cause of vigorous, sincere, and manly morality, and the most uncompromising antagonist of every form of cant and weakness. Its general influence on the whole been bracing and wholesome, and we heartily congratulate it on the victory which it has gained on the present occasion.

The victory is twofold. In the first place it has established or rather illustrated an important general principle. In the next place it has, we think, made a happy application of it to a particular case of great importance. First, let us look at the general principle, which is that of "fair criticism." The doctrine of newspaper privilege is one of very modern growth, and is the latest and not the most conscious additions which the general course of events has gradually made to the law of libel. The two cases of Campbell *v.* Spottiswood and Longworth *v.* Hope and Cook, in each of which the *Saturday Review* was the defendant, are the best illustrations of it. As we understand the doctrine, it does not mean that a newspaper has in the strict sense of the word a right to publish any thing libellous, which any other people may not say. It means that every one has a right (which newspaper writers, from the nature of their calling, have more frequent occasions to exercise than other people) to express opinions formed in good faith on matters of public interest which are brought before the public in courts of justice, or otherwise made subjects of public discussion. For instance, a man is tried for murder and acquitted. We apprehend that, though it would be libellous to say that he committed the murder, it would not be libellous to sum up the evidence and to say, "In our evidence appears to me to show that he committed the murder, and I should have convicted him upon it—unless the jury thought the remark "unfair;" to which we can give no other meaning than "not arising naturally out of facts truly stated." It is very difficult, if not impossible, to reconcile all the cases upon the subject, but this doctrine is in the course of development, and it is obvious that its recognition is practically essential to journalism as it is at present conducted. It is impossible to discuss matters fully and impartially if the writer is not at liberty to form his own opinion as to the facts before him, and to express that opinion, although it may be mistaken, and although it may differ from that which prevails, as, for instance, from the verdict of a jury or the report of a commission. To take the particular case before us as an illustration, we think that the principle of fair comment, or fair criticism, ought to have protected the *Saturday Review* in forming and expressing an opinion that Miss Longworth was not in fact married to Major Yelverton, even if she had been so married, and if the House of Lords had held that she was so by the law of Ireland; and to have protected it equally in so doing if the evidence on which they formed that opinion, and on which alone they had a right to form it, was the evidence which they formed it, was the evidence which they formed that opinion, and on which alone they had a right to form it, was the evidence which they formed that opinion, and on which alone they had a right to form it, was the evidence which they formed that opinion, and on which alone they had a right to form